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FOOTBALL followers could be forgiven for thinking Jimmy Bloomfield rather stupid to risk £110,000 of Orient's precious money on the wayward Stan Bowles.

The East London Second Division club have to count every penny to stay alive in increasingly difficult times for the less glamorous clubs, yet decided to take a chance on a player whose loyalty has been questionable in the past.

Bowles' behaviour at Queens Park Rangers under various managers was erratic to say the least.

His playing skills on the pitch were pure gold for the supporters but just when he seemed set to command a place in the England International team, he would go missing.

Brian Clough and Peter Taylor thought they could handle Bowles at Nottingham Forest, splashing out £200,000 for him last season. For a time their confidence in Bowles was justified but when they needed him most, for the European Cup Final against Hamburger SV in Madrid, he disappeared again.

The last thing Clough will tolerate is disloyalty, so Bowles' days were numbered at the City Ground from the moment he crossed swords with the Forest manager.

Now, another manager takes his life in his hands to give Bowles the benefit of another chance to redeem himself.

Demanding

Stan Bowles had better take note that Jimmy Bloomfield does not suffer fools gladly. He is every inch as demanding and professional as Brian Clough.

But can he get that message through to Bowles, or will the leopard keep his spots?

Contrary to public opinion, Stan Bowles is one of soccer's nicest men. Softly spoken, a ready wit, a hard trainer, generous and a credit to any club when he makes a public appearance in the club foyer after matches.

Yet Bowles retains an almost suicidal penchant for going off the rails.

There are clear signs that managers are becoming increasingly intolerant of "player power".

John Bond, Norwich's ebullient boss, threatened to sell Justin Fashanu last season unless he stopped getting yellow cards, and Everton once sacked a player for punching their coach. Many clubs impose fines on players who step out of line.

Stan Bowles has the opportunity to bring joy to the rather bleak terraces at Brisbane Road. His ball skills will give Orient's loyal following a reminder of the subtle talents of Phil Woosnam, a Brisbane Road hero of a bygone age.

DON'T LET THEM DOWN STANLEY.

Two leading questions

Scotland comeback for Wallace?

APART from almost certainly winning honours with Nottingham Forest, Brian Clough's latest £1 million striker Ian Wallace will no doubt add to his total of three full Scotland caps.

Leaving Coventry for the European Champions will ensure the 24-year-old Scot is in the limelight much more. Wallace left Highfield Road to win honours. "I didn't really have any complaints at Coventry," he says. "But I'm ambitious and want to win a medal or two. With Forest that's virtually guaranteed and I'm sure I'll win something in the coming season."

Wallace will form a potentially lethal goal-force with Garry Birtles and fellow Scot John Robertson. Clough has never replaced Tony Woodcock and it is more than a coincidence that Wallace and Woody are similar players.

Forest's success has been achieved more by the goals they

haven't conceded than by the ones they've scored. The injury to Trevor Francis and walk-out by Stan Bowles left Clough with little option than to use a defensive formation against Hamburger SV in the European Cup Final. Forest won, but it wasn't pretty to watch.

Now, with Swiss midfielder Raimondo Ponte and Wallace, Forest should be more of an attacking force during 1980/81.

Clough has no doubt that Wallace will produce the goods. "I'm certain Ian will prove a superb buy. I want him to do nothing else but score. I've been eager to sign a striker ever since Trevor's injury, which was a tragedy for the lad."

"We have standards at this club and it's essential to maintain them. To do so we had to buy someone who can get goals. Ian can."

Scotland manager Jock Stein will be glad to see Wallace playing for a top team. To say Scotland have lacked goal-power recently is an understatement, despite the graft of Kenny Dalglish and bursts from Andy Gray (when available).

Deeper

Stein could be in the fortunate position of being able to select a front-line of Wallace, Gray and Robertson, with Dalglish playing slightly deeper. Their World Cup opener against Sweden is only a few weeks away and in view of last season's results, Stein may gamble on such a formation.

Other Scots have seen their international chances boosted by a transfer to a big club. Graeme Souness was capped at Middlesbrough, but was in international exile for three years until he joined Liverpool.

Just over a year ago Frank McGarvey celebrated his transfer from Partick Thistle to Liverpool by playing against World Champions Argentina at Hampden.

It isn't that international managers ignore less fashionable clubs, but if you play for a side constantly in the news it's easier to catch his eye. Forest are on television almost every week, whereas Coventry are featured much less often (despite having Jimmy Hill as managing director!).

Brian Clough has made mistakes in the transfer market, as Asa Hartford and Stan Bowles testify. But even at £1 million, Ian Wallace looks a sound investment for Forest... and Scotland.

WHATEVER happens next season, you can be sure that the name Malcolm Allison won't be far from the headlines. A week rarely goes by without the Manchester City chief coach (to give him his official title) being involved in some controversy or another.

Last season Big Mal spent a fortune, somewhat controversially, and when City's expensive side failed to produce the goods, there were those who were after his head.

In reality, having given Allison the go-ahead to spend millions of pounds, there was no way City's influential chairman, Peter Swales, was going to sack him.

However, if the Blues don't have a much better season in 1980/81, chances are Allison — and manager Tony Book — will be on their way.

Swales is a fair man, a powerful man, but above all a man who is brave enough to make a decision.



Steve Daley, Allison's expensive misfit at Maine Road last season.

Several years ago he hired Ron Saunders as manager. Saunders' barbed management did not go down well with established stars such as Frannie Lee, Rodney Marsh and Denis Law; Swales realised his mistake and was big enough to admit it. Saunders was soon on his way.

Maine Road fans are divided as to whether Allison should go or stay. A local radio station produced badges last season proclaiming either Allison must stay or leave — they were snapped up in roughly equal proportion.

It is easy to sympathise with those City supporters who believe Allison acted rashly in selling top stars and replacing them with 'unknowns'.

Dave Watson, Asa Hartford, Gary Owen, Peter Barnes, Willie



to be answered in 1980~81...

Donachie ... and others, all were sold by Allison. They were replaced by Steve Daley, Michael Robinson, Steve Mackenzie and kids who weren't, perhaps, quite ready for League football.

The result was that City's form was indifferent, to say the least. The low spot was the humiliating F.A. Cup defeat by Halifax Town — having survived that, Allison was safe for a while.

Subdued

The City chief is a different character from the one who waved fedoras and was often seen with Bunny girls. Now happily married again, he is more subdued and the near-fatal accident to his daughter last season affected him deeply.

His most successful period was when he worked closely with Joe Mercer at City in the late 60's and early 70's. Genial Joe said all the right things while Allison was left

rigid and whatever one may think of Allison, his teams always try to place the emphasis on attack.

He's made a rod for his own back at City: if they succeed it will be down to him ... if they fail, he must take the blame.

Success for City this coming season would be a top six place and a good run in the Cups. Yet even before the players reported back for pre-season training there were rumours that Daley and Robinson were available for much less than Allison paid for them a year ago.

Kids such as Ray Ranson and Tommy Caton now have a full season behind them. They've had to grow up quickly and that hasn't been easy in a side which has had its back to the wall.

We'll have a better idea of Allison's future in November. If City are in the top half of the table and still in the League Cup, he'll be breathing easy.

If not ...

Will Big Mal survive?

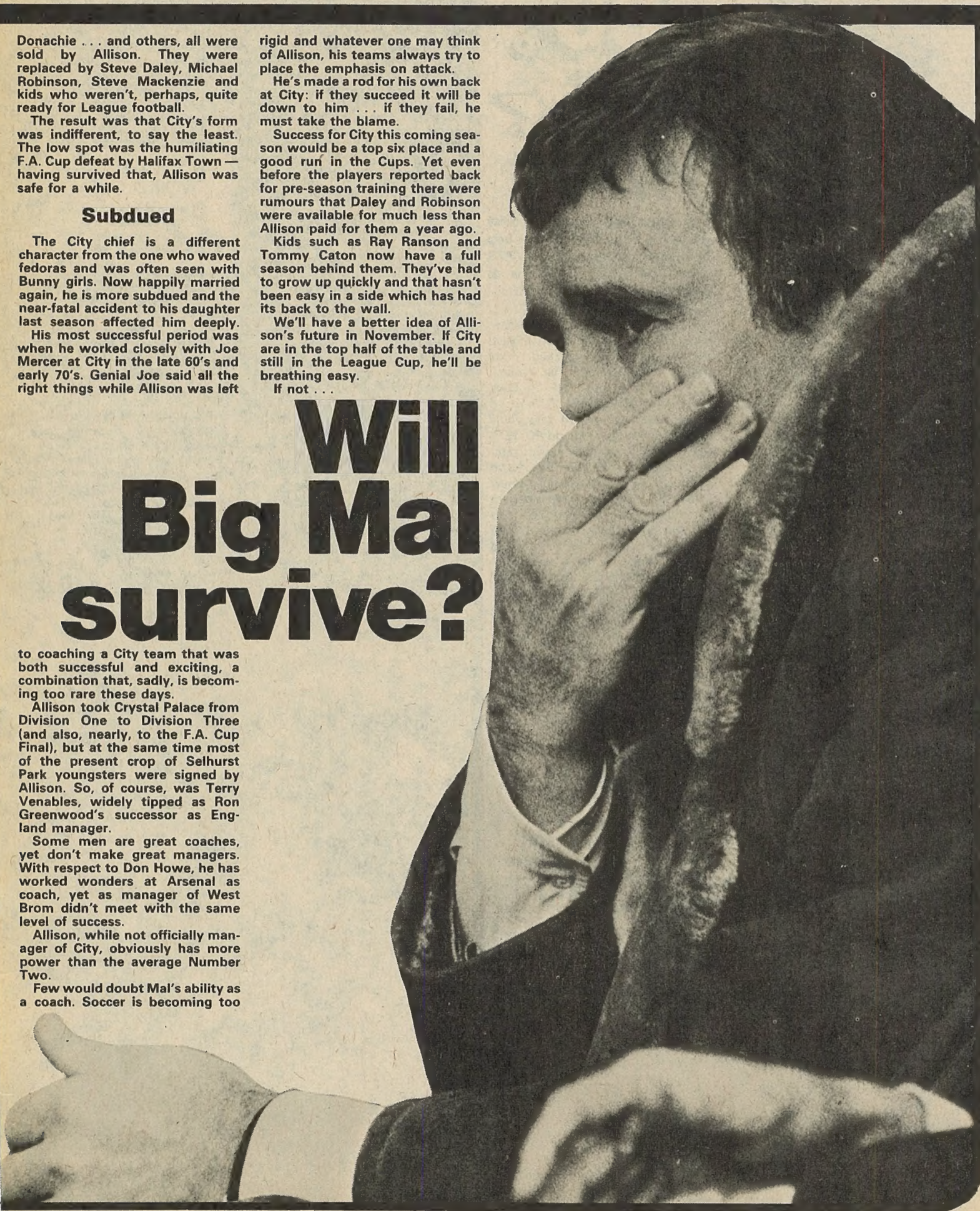
to coaching a City team that was both successful and exciting, a combination that, sadly, is becoming too rare these days.

Allison took Crystal Palace from Division One to Division Three (and also, nearly, to the F.A. Cup Final), but at the same time most of the present crop of Selhurst Park youngsters were signed by Allison. So, of course, was Terry Venables, widely tipped as Ron Greenwood's successor as England manager.

Some men are great coaches, yet don't make great managers. With respect to Don Howe, he has worked wonders at Arsenal as coach, yet as manager of West Brom didn't meet with the same level of success.

Allison, while not officially manager of City, obviously has more power than the average Number Two.

Few would doubt Mal's ability as a coach. Soccer is becoming too

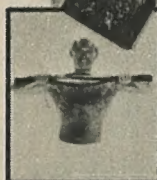
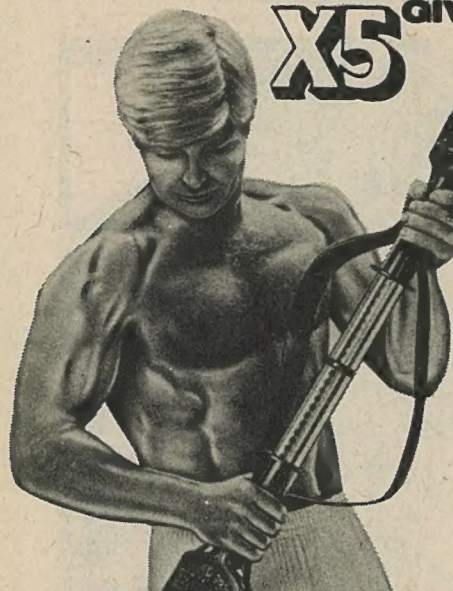


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THE BEST news of the summer for both me and Manchester United was Martin Buchan's decision to sign a new contract.

There were stories going around when I first joined the club that the skipper and I didn't click on the field.

It's true we had a few problems adjusting to each other's styles, but they were quickly sorted out. Now we have established one of the most formidable defensive partnerships in the country.

Martin and I operate well together for United. I wish we could do the same for Scotland.

I'm still bitterly disappointed at being left out of the squad for the British Championship, especially when I thought my form was as good as at any time during my career.

But leaving me out was Jock Stein's right. He did what he thought was best for the team.

But after using 60 players since taking over as Scotland's boss, Jock Stein might now decide to bring back a few more of his experienced campaigners.

The brutal truth is... Scotland have lost four of their last five matches and could be struggling to find their form for the vital World Cup qualifying matches which kick-off next month.

To be fair, no one is more aware of that than Jock Stein himself, a

man as passionately involved with reviving Scotland's fortunes as any player or fan.

All I hope is he has a change of mind and includes me and Martin Buchan in his squad for the match against Sweden.

But at the moment all I'm concentrating on is getting fully fit for the start of the season.

As you may know, I damaged my ankle ligaments a couple of days after reporting back for pre-season

MY SOCCER WORLD

Gordon McQueen



training on Thursday, July 17th.

I was jumping over a hurdle as part of our warm up for the big kick-off and accidentally crashed into the barrier and injured the ligaments.

We didn't do much first day, except have our weights checked. The lads swapped summer gossip and transfer news and got kitted out with new training gear, track suits and boots.

United wore Admiral gear for several seasons, but as I write I believe the club are on the verge of signing with another company.



Admiral are responsible for that awful England strip.

Most players prefer the traditional, plainer designs without the motifs and jazzy lines.

My favourite was the England strip of a few years ago... plain white shirt, dark blue shorts and white socks.

It was simple yet classy. The players looked like internationals, not models for a smart, trendy sports shop.

Scotland's new strip is a joke. I hate the idea of having player's names emblazoned across the back.

But fans like the colourful designs... and clubs can't do without the sponsorship deals that goes with them.

Players also cash in by wearing different types of boots. Adidas, Mitre, Nike and Gola are just a few of the splendid makes on sale.

I prefer Puma and would wear them even if I wasn't under contract. I've worn them for most of my career and find they suit me best.

There weren't any significant changes made at Old Trafford during the close-season, apart from the building of a few more Executive

Scotland boss Jock Stein has used more than 60 players in an attempt to discover his strongest team.

boxes and a new Exclusive Social Club.

No real improvements for the terrace fan... except for the admission prices. I don't think the club has increased them as much as others in the First Division.

The pitch, which was criticised last season, looks great at the moment. But I expect it will cut up just as bad as ever when the bad weather hits us.

Having a completely covered in stadium doesn't help. The sun and wind don't reach some parts and it never really dries out completely.

We were hoping to have under-soil heating installed, but it's now not possible because of a drainage problem.

One facility that could be improved at ALL football grounds are the toilets. In the main they are disgraceful. I wouldn't let my dog use them, let alone supporters.

First day back after a summer break often means meeting a new



job they do, too.

I had expected Liam Brady to be at The Cliff on opening day, after reading the reports in the newspapers. But his transfer from Arsenal hadn't been completed.

Like most big clubs, United now include matches abroad as part of their pre-season build-up.

This summer United played Nuremberg in West Germany and Austria Wien before going up to Glasgow for next Monday's (August 4th) big match against Celtic.

As you probably know, United provide the opposition for Danny McGrain's testimonial. It's a sell-out already, which is only what this great professional deserves. What a game to start a new season.

A few days later United leave for Sweden, where two First Division sides provide the opposition.

Like most players I much prefer being involved in real action than just routine training lasting almost a month.

Not only does it help you get match fit, but also gives players a competitive edge. Missing these matches will be a real blow.

Adventure

Funnily enough, I never went on pre-season tour at Leeds. Instead of playing the likes of Hajduk Split we'd play Huddersfield. We missed the fun and adventure of top-class opposition in a foreign country.

I've never been on the losing side in a pre-season friendly while at United... and we've met some first-class sides.

We had a successful summer tour last year which helped us through a tough winter campaign.

Good performances in West Germany, Austria, Glasgow and Sweden this time will be ideal preparation for another determined assault in the League Championship and Europe.

I honestly believe United are on the threshold of entering a new era of glory in the club's history.

Before I close I would like to wish Sir Matt Busby a very speedy recovery.

His sudden illness was a great shock to us all at Old Trafford.

'Get well soon, Sir Matt'; we not only miss you at the club but also on the golf course.

Do you know he's the only man at United who could play 36 holes every day on the course in Marbella last summer?

Well, cheerio for now. Join me in two weeks' time in SHOOT's bumper start-of-the-season issue.

John McEwan

'United's vital summer signing'

signing. Last season it was Ray Wilkins. This year the only strange faces were a few apprentices.

They invariably look lost, bewildered and completely overawed by it all, especially when they join a club as famous as Manchester United.

These lads always appear too young and small to be footballers. It's hard to imagine they are the

stars of tomorrow.

I make a point of going over and introducing myself, asking where they come from and what position they play in.

Syd Owen, my old coach at Leeds, and Jimmy Curran, a former United player who had to retire early because of injury, look after the training and welfare of the kids at Old Trafford. And a right good



Martin Buchan in spectacular action with Everton's Peter Eastoe last season (left). One United player in the British Championship was Joe Jordan (right).

EVERY club in the Football League will start the first real chapter of the Eighties convinced that this is to be their season, and going a long way towards creating that feeling is the arrival of a new face or two at so many grounds.

Whether the new injections will live up to expectations remains to be seen, but certainly there is hardly a First Division club which will rely on last season's personnel to provide the thrills. And that goes for clubs in the other Division as well.

Even Arsenal, known for their thriftiness when it comes to the transfer market, have decided to invest in flesh rather than pay the taxman, hence the arrival at High-bury, in return for a £1.2 million cheque, of Clive Allen.

This short move across London from QPR, represents one of the most intriguing transfers of the many that have been completed in the short recess, and it will be interesting to note how teenager Clive slots into a strike force already comprising of internationals Frank Stapleton and Alan Sunderland.

Striker Ian Rush, the latest recruit at Anfield.



Bolton for a further £200,000.

But there are still foreigners invading our lands and Brighton, Luton and Nottingham Forest are the latest to go abroad in search of fresh talent.

Brighton have signed Moshe Gariani from Israeli club Maccabi Netanya, and as he arrived at the Goldstone Ground so striker Ray Clarke left for Newcastle to replace the much-travelled Peter Withe, now aiming to boost Aston Villa's revival.

Luton manager David Pleat would appear to have accomplished a brilliant piece of abduction by whipping Yugoslav international Radi Antic from under the noses of the leading Spanish clubs after he had proved such a success for Real Zaragoza last season.

On the way out from Kenilworth Road was Bob Hatton, for whom Sheffield United will become his eighth club.

And Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough proved he had a good memory by going back to Switzerland for Raimondo Ponte, who starred for Grasshop-

But Clough's most sensational deal of the summer was, of course, the capture of Scottish international striker Ian Wallace from Coventry for more than £1 million. Surely this move cast even bigger doubts on the future of Trevor Francis at the club.

Another foreigner with a new club is Adam Musial, a member of Poland's 1974 World Cup team, who has signed for Fourth Division Hereford.

Also on the move was Alex Sabella, the talented Argentinian midfielder who has left Sheffield United for Leeds, where he will



Bob Hatton left Luton for Sheffield United, his eighth League club.

All Change!

A look at the summer transfer market

After spending just £65,000 for John Hollins last summer, Arsenal have clearly had a financial change of heart, although the impending £2 million move of Liam Brady will help to balance the books.

Knowing the rivalry that exists in North London between The Gunners and Spurs, it perhaps came as no surprise to see White Hart Lane boss Keith Burkinshaw paying almost as much for a striker of his own — Steve Archibald from Scottish Champions Aberdeen.

Special

When Archibald arrived on the scene at Pittodrie a couple of seasons back, it was obvious right from the start that he was something special, and now Burkinshaw will be hoping that Archibald will be the man to finish off the mid-field artistry of Hoddle, Ardiles and Villa in the new season.

If the double A bill in North London is the most enticing, then let it be said that there have been some other interesting moves.

Champions Liverpool don't often stumble in the transfer market, but they did come a cropper last year with the signing of Frank McGarvey, back in Scotland with Celtic after failing to make a first team appearance for the Reds.

Liverpool boss Bob Paisley will be hoping for better luck this time with £300,000 striker Ian Rush from Chester and defender Richard Money from Fulham.

Another signing in the pipe line

at Anfield is that of Rhodesian-born goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, currently starring in America with the Vancouver Whitecaps.

While Liverpool are sure to be contenders for major honours this season, the three clubs who have earned the right to compete with them once again, Leicester, Birmingham and Sunderland, have all bought with the motive of at least consolidating their new position.

Jim Smith has already recruited one of the most promising young defenders around in Republic of Ireland international David Langan from Derby, and the Birmingham boss is still in the market for a top-class striker.

Jock Wallace has got himself a striker to lead Leicester's challenge, and naturally enough he went to Scotland (where else?) for Partick's Jim Melrose for £250,000.

After spending £150,000 on Wigan full-back Joe Hinnigan, Sunderland have now signed centre-back Sam Allardyce from relegated

pers against Forest in the European Cup two seasons ago.

Ponte will replace Stan Bowles at the City Ground. The final chapter in the Bowles saga came when the wayward star joined Second Division Orient for £110,000.

After failing to settle down at Forest, Stan Bowles is back in London with Orient.



meet up with Marshall Burke and Tony Arins, surprise arrivals at Elland Road after being given free transfers by Burnley.

Northern Ireland international Tommy Cassidy has gone to Turf Moor from Newcastle, and Welsh international striker David Smallman, whose career at Everton was wrecked by injury, has returned to his old club Wrexham on a free transfer. There he will meet new-boy Steve Dowman, signed for £75,000 from Colchester. Old timers stepping down the soccer ladder include Alan Ball and Willie Johnston at Blackpool, David Webb at Bournemouth, Brian Kidd at Bolton, Eddie Kelly at Notts County and Stewart Houston at Sheffield United.

Whoever they are and wherever they're going we wish them well.

● A list of most of the close-season moves can be found in News Desk on pages 8-9.

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SCOTTISH Premier Division side Morton are interested in on-offer central-defender Ricky Sbragia.

Sbragia missed only one game of Walsall's promotion campaign last season, but after a contract problem he was listed by the Midlands club.

Walsall paid Birmingham £15,000 for Sbragia two seasons ago. Before he left Birmingham, Glasgow-born 23-year-old Sbragia spent two months on loan at Morton and impressed the Greenock club.

DICK SHAW, the former Queen of the South coach, has been appointed manager of Threave Rovers, the South of Scotland League side. Shaw lost his job when the Dumfries club decided to scrap their reserve side in the new season.

NEWCASTLE's Republic of Ireland international Mick Martin is struggling to start the season because of a knee injury.

It kept him out of the side for the second half of last season, coinciding with United's slide from the promotion picture.

He is still not 100 per cent fit and could miss the first few games.

REFS SHOULD STRIKE!

ALAN Ashman, now Derby County's chief scout, has said that referees and linesmen should go on strike to earn more respect from managers and players.

The former West Bromwich Albion, Carlisle United and Walsall manager advocated this strong move at a business lunch, adding: "It is time they showed the game and the general public how important they are to the game."

"It would do the clubs a favour and I am sure there would be a tremendous drop in the number of yellow cards after this action."

Ashman also expressed the view that players often took advantage of match officials.

WHEN Johnny Giles returned home to Ireland three years ago he promised to offer coaching facilities comparable to those of any English club. With his resignation from the Eire job Giles now intends to concentrate on rebuilding Shamrock Rovers and asked the players to report back for pre-season training on July 1st.



BIG JACK'S TUMBLE

JACK Charlton came to earth with a bump when he fell while clambering along ropes on an outward bound exercise in the Lake District.

The television cameras captured the accident on film but viewers of Tyne Tees series, called "Big Jack's British", are unlikely to see Jack's fall.

It happened when the 45-year-old Sheffield Wednesday manager joined a week-long executive course at the Outward Bound Mountain School in Ullswater for the series.

After the fall, he carried on with strenuous exercises, which included canoeing, abseiling, climbing — and an early morning dip in icy water.

As he strode up the steep slopes of Shepherd's Crag above Derwent Water, Jack admitted: "I'm finding it a bit difficult to breathe. I get a sharp pain if I take a long breath."

Jack feared he had cracked ribs in his spill but discovered later he was bruised.

Aerial attacks grounded



FIRST Division clubs would be wise not to pump balls into Sunderland's penalty area in the new season.

If they do choose this form of attack their looping crosses are likely to be met by the foreheads of Sam Allardyce and Rob Hindmarch (left), two spring-heeled defenders who can outjump most strikers.

Power in the air is likely to become Sunderland's trademark following the £150,000 signing of Allardyce from Bolton.

"He's poetry to watch when he's up there heading the ball, absolutely magic," says former Bolton manager Ian Greaves.

Hindmarch's ability in the air is already known.

Kidney boost

MANCHESTER CITY'S unsettled striker Mick Robinson was a guest celebrity at the recent annual dinner of the Gifford City Supporters' Club in Co. Down. Nice touch from the Blue-mad Gifford fans was their generous £500 donation to Kidney Research.

Quality Street!

NORTHERN Ireland team-boss Billy Bingham, his predecessor Danny Blanchflower and Danny's younger brother, Jackie, the Manchester United and Ireland defender whose Munich Air Crash injuries ended his promising big-time career, all originated from the same street in the East Belfast suburb of Bloomfield.

What's more, eventual international stars Bingham, the elder Blanchflower, Jimmy McIlroy and Bertie Peacock, representing an amalgam of some 200 full Northern Ireland caps, once lined-up alongside each other in the same Glentoran side en route to greater fame and fortune in cross-channel football.

ASTON Villa skipper and midfield driving force Dennis Mortimer expects Villa to be joined by Wolves in a two-pronged assault on honours this season.

Mortimer readily concedes that League Cup holders Wolves are ready to increase their challenge.

But he adds: "We have a great squad together at Villa and with Peter Withe joining us and so many talented youngsters now a year richer in experience I am expecting Villa to be in the trophy hunt this term."

TALENT-laden Belfast outfit Dungoyne Boys' F.C. were smash hits in a highly competitive New York youth tournament during the summer, winning five games on the trot to emerge triumphant in their respective Under-17 grade.

BIG-TIME soccer really means something to Mike McCartney, the 25-year-old defender who has joined Southampton from Carlisle.

Mike started his League career with West Bromwich but got few opportunities in his 18 months as a professional with them before joining Carlisle in May, 1973.

He made but one appearance in the following season as Carlisle did, in fact, reach the First Division. He got a single game as Carlisle went up-and-down in one season.

Now Southampton have paid £50,000 for him and they will cough up more if he establishes himself in the first team. He could well do that at left-back in a Southampton team which looks likely to have a successful time.

NEWS DESK

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BILL DAY



GOALKEEPER Eddie Blackburn is only 23 but he will be starting the new season with his fourth League club.

County Durham-born Blackburn was on the books of West Brom and Aston Villa before turning professional with Hull in September, 1974. He had nearly six years at Boothferry Park and has now moved on to York City.

Ashley Grimes set to move

MANCHESTER United's midfield player Ashley Grimes could be leaving Old Trafford before the start of the new season.

Bolton Wanderers are favourites to sign the Irishman to stiffen their challenge for a swift return to the First Division.

Much depends on whether United capture Liam Brady from Arsenal.

Grimes made 21 appearances for United last season, operating in midfield and full-back positions.

Bolton have made major improvements to their ground in the close season. The pitch has been levelled, drained and undersoil heating installed at a cost of £250,000.

Bolton are hoping that their spruced-up ground will encourage the Football Association and Football League officials to place them on the recognised list for staging important matches, such as Cup replays.



Wright rejects moves

PAT Wright, the former Birmingham City defender, has turned down offers from two top European clubs to take up coaching appointments.

Malmo, 1979 European Cup Finalists, and Galatasaray of Turkey, have both been in touch but on each occasion Wright has informed them that he is quite happy in the United Arab Emirates.

Wright, who has also been in Saudi Arabia, has been Don Revie's assistant over the past two years and is quite happy to remain in the Emirates where he could possibly take over as number one.

Wright said: "The offers are flattering but I've been exceptionally well treated in Dubai."

John's comeback

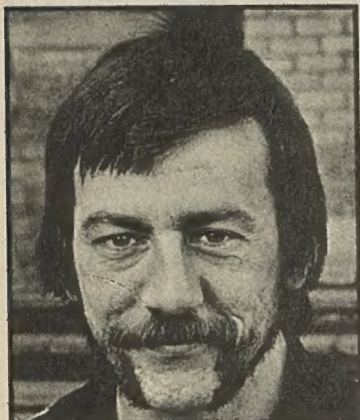
JOHN Westmancoat, who quit as Walsall's secretary twelve months ago, is back in the job.

He was previously secretary for seven years before resigning. Westmancoat now takes over from Walter Pepper.

The new assistant-secretary at Walsall is Eric Houghton, the former Aston Villa and England winger.

Last season he quit as an Aston Villa director following a big wrangle. He is a former Walsall director and stepped in to help Walsall when they had a few problems behind the scenes at the end of last season.

Fleming's a bargain



FOR a fee of around £8,000, St. Johnstone manager Alex Rennie considers he has obtained an early season bargain in signing Dundee United's talented midfield player George Fleming.

The purchase price is roughly £1,000 more than the Tannadice club paid for Fleming's services from Hearts over eight years ago in January, 1972.

Now 31, Fleming played most of his time at Tannadice in the first team. Last season, he was a member of the Dundee United side which won the League Cup.

George has been one of United's most consistent players, and is highly rated by manager Jim McLean.

"He has been a great servant to the club," admitted the Tannadice boss. "We regret losing George, but the only reason we are allowing him to go is because we have to make room for younger players."

"His experience on the field will enhance the Perth team's hope of winning promotion to the Premier Division."



This is your captain speaking. Derby striker Alan Biley models the Second Division club's new sponsored shirt.

High Flying Derby

DESPITE the recent signing of 33-year-old Roger Jones from Stoke, Derby boss Colin Addison is still in the market for a goalkeeper.

"Roger is aware of the situation," says Addison. "He is on a two-year contract and is only a short-term signing. I am not worried about his age, because 'keepers go on a lot longer than any other players."

"But ideally we would like a younger man for the future. We already have 19-year-old Steve Cherry, who showed a lot of potential, but I want the club to make a really good start to the season and cannot afford to take chances."

Before signing Jones for £20,000, Addison had already made enquiries about 20 other 'keepers.

He was desperate to make a signing, as 23-year-old John Middleton will not be offered a new contract because of a shoulder ligament injury which has already kept him out for 12 months.

"The League specialists recommended that he does not play again for 14 months, and even then he might not be fit," Addison continued.

One man who the Derby boss is keeping an eye on is Australian international Yake Banovic. He had a one-month trial at the Baseball Ground last season.

Although Addison anticipates work permit problems with the Yugoslav-born emigree, he has the cash available to him following the signing of a lucrative shirt advertising deal with British Midland Airways.

WIMBLEDON LAUNCH

THE first-ever "Place the Ball" competition to be run by a Football League club, in partnership with over 50 local newspapers with two million readers has been launched. Golddigger Promotions Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary company of Wimbledon Football Club, has devised London's first major prize competition to be run weekly throughout the Greater London and Home Counties area.

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Briefly...

● Gary Sutton, an 18-year-old goalkeeper with Gillingham, keeps piranha fish at his digs in the Kent town.

The piranha is rated one of the most aggressive species of freshwater fish. Although it is only small, some scientists consider it more dangerous than the shark.

● Dumbarton are keeping an eye on Scotland Boys Club under-14 player Owen Coyle. The Boghead club already have two of the Coyle family, Joe and Tommy, in their first team.

● Defender Nigel Crouch, given a free transfer by Ipswich, has linked up with brother-in-law Steve Foley at Colchester.

Crouch, who signed

professional for Ipswich in August, 1978, had a spell on loan with Lincoln before being listed with six other players last January. He was then given his free at the end of the season.

● Scottish club Hamilton have come up with a new cash raising scheme as a follow-up to their sponsor-kit enterprise. Youngsters who sponsor a team player will meet the player of their choice and get their name in the match programme.

● Steve Richardson, an 18-year-old left back on Southampton's books, is no slouch when it comes to sprinting.

The Slough-born youngster qualified for the All-England Championships at 100-metres. Steve isn't the only top athlete in the family. His cousin, Keith Connor, is a Great Britain triple jumper.

● Keith Barber, former goalkeeper at Luton Town, Swansea City, Wandsworth and Dunstable Town, is back in soccer.

The 32-year-old keeper has taken over as manager of Harpenden Town, the locality in which he runs the Rose and Crown pub. He took over the pub after quitting soccer in November, 1978, when he left Swansea.

Close-season moves

Sam Allardyce Bolton W. to Sunderland
Clive Allen Q.P.R. to Arsenal
Radomir Antic Zaragoza (Spain) to Luton
Steve Archibald Aberdeen to Spurs
Tony Arns Burnley to Leeds U.
Steve Baines Bradford C. to Walsall
Colin Barrett Nottingham Forest to Swindon
Dennis Booth Watford to Hull C.
Stan Bowles Nottingham Forest to Orient
Drew Brand Everton to Hereford
Marshall Burke Burnley to Leeds U.
Ray Clarke Brighton to Newcastle
Mick Coady Sunderland to Carlisle
Kevin Dawtry Southampton to Crystal Pal.
Pat Duff Millwall to Darlington
Andy Ford Swindon to Gillingham
Don Gillies Bristol C. to Bristol R.
Rachid Harkouk Queens P.R. to Notts. Co.
Bob Hutton Luton to Sheffield United
Peter Henderson Chester to Gillingham
Stewart Houston Manchester Utd to Sheffield Utd
Eddie Kelly Leicester to Notts Co.
Brian Kidd Everton to Bolton W.
David Langan Derby Co. to Birmingham
Dennis Longhorn Aldershot to Colchester
Mike McCartney Carlisle to Southampton
Jim McDonagh Bolton W. to Everton
Kevin McDonald Inverness C. to Leicester
Ray McHale Swindon to Brighton
Jim Melrose Partick to Leicester
Richard Money Fulham to Liverpool
Mel Pejic Stoke to Hereford
Stuart Robinson Newcastle Utd. to Aldershot
Raimondo Ponte Grasshoppers to Nottm. Forest
Andy Rollings Brighton to Swindon
Ian Rush Chester to Liverpool
Alex Sabella Sheffield U. to Leeds U.
Lee Smelt Gravesend to Nottingham Forest
Gordon Smith Rangers to Brighton
Dave Swindlehurst Crystal Pal. to Derby Co.
Mick Tait Hull C. to Portsmouth
Ian Wallace Coventry to Nottm. Forest
Steve Ward Northampton to Halifax
David Webb Derby to Bournemouth (pl. coach)
Peter Withe Newcastle to Aston Villa

ARGENTINE national team boss César Luis Menotti claims to have secured Osvaldo Ardiles' release to play in the 'Copa de Oro' tournament in Uruguay at the end of the year.

But Spurs are unlikely to allow Ossie to make the trip. He would miss at least four Bank Holiday games over the Christmas period.



SHAUN Wealands is in safe hands. His father, Jeff, newly promoted Birmingham City's goalkeeper, took a back seat when he presented his son to the cameras the other day.

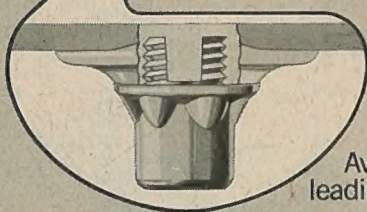
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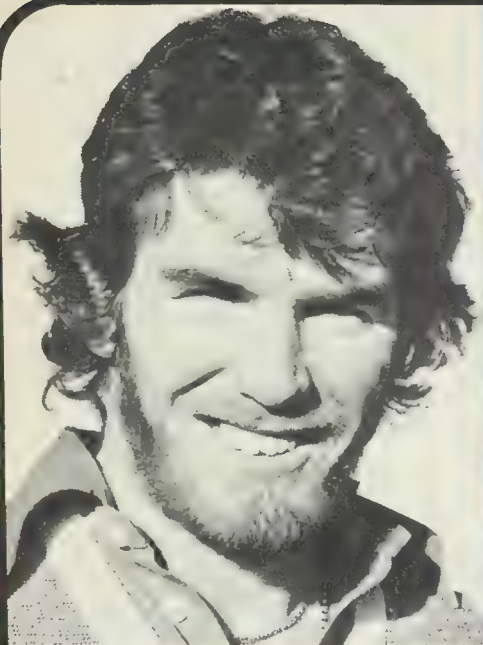
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**New signing
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has added to...**



ASTON Villa will set about recapturing former glories this season with a very definite emphasis on attacking football.

David Geddis, Gary Shaw, Terry Donovan, Brian Little, Tony Morley and newcomer Peter Withe (featured in colour overleaf) are all in contention for two or three first team spots.

And, according to team boss Ron Saunders, whichever or whoever show that they should be in the senior side during the pre-season build up, then they will be the ones to play.

"It depends on how fit they are and how well they are playing and doing between now and the opening game of the season," he said.

"Our pre-season build-up consists of three games in Germany and two matches over here. In those five games we'll be experimenting to see who produces the goods — and, hopefully, somebody will.

"The only way to keep six strikers happy all the time would be to play them every game."

Tactical

Saunders, shrewd and wise and one of the best managers in football, is giving no tactical secrets away, except to say that not one of the six will be leaving Villa Park.

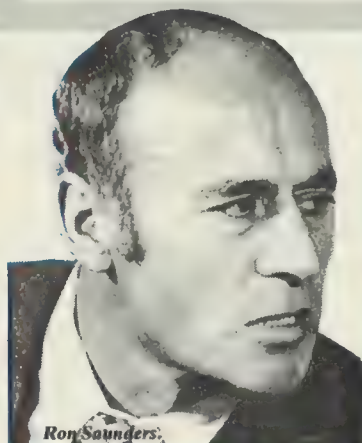
"I won't be selling any of them," he says. "They are all under contract, which means that they don't have the right to look around searching for other clubs. It is their job to compete for places.

"You don't win Championships or competitions these days without a sound squad, and I owe it to all the players here at Aston Villa to provide a large pool on which to draw.

"If any of them are injured or are having a bad time and need to be replaced, then I have top notch players capable of coming in and doing a good job. We want to keep the momentum going.

"We've been trying for some time to build up a winning squad. There should always be pressure and competition for each position. We've more or less achieved that

VILLA'S STRIKING PROBLEM



Ron Saunders.

now. It's a very healthy state for the club to be in.

"We have a lot of international-class players here at the moment, so my problem is to pick the best ones who will blend together and give us the best end product. We're seeking a balanced side with players who will complement each other.

"Peter Withe was signed because we didn't have a big bustling type of player, a natural target man, at the club. He is one and he'll be an asset to the squad. He'll complement the other players. Anyone can play off him.

"But it's not just the forward line. You have to have 11 players who will knit in as a unit and work

for each other.

"Obviously, the more players you can get to score goals, then that takes the pressure off, but you never score as many goals as you would like."

Saunders, who has built three teams since his arrival at Villa Park in 1974, believes that the present side is the best. Even the so-called experts and the notorious peripheral people surrounding Villa Park are beginning to think that Aston Villa are capable of achieving success.

"But they don't know, do they?" says Saunders. "They only think.

"We hope and expect to improve on last season. With a little bit of luck, and everybody needs luck, we might win something. Anything is possible."



David Geddis, whose position at Aston Villa is in jeopardy only a year after arriving from Ipswich.



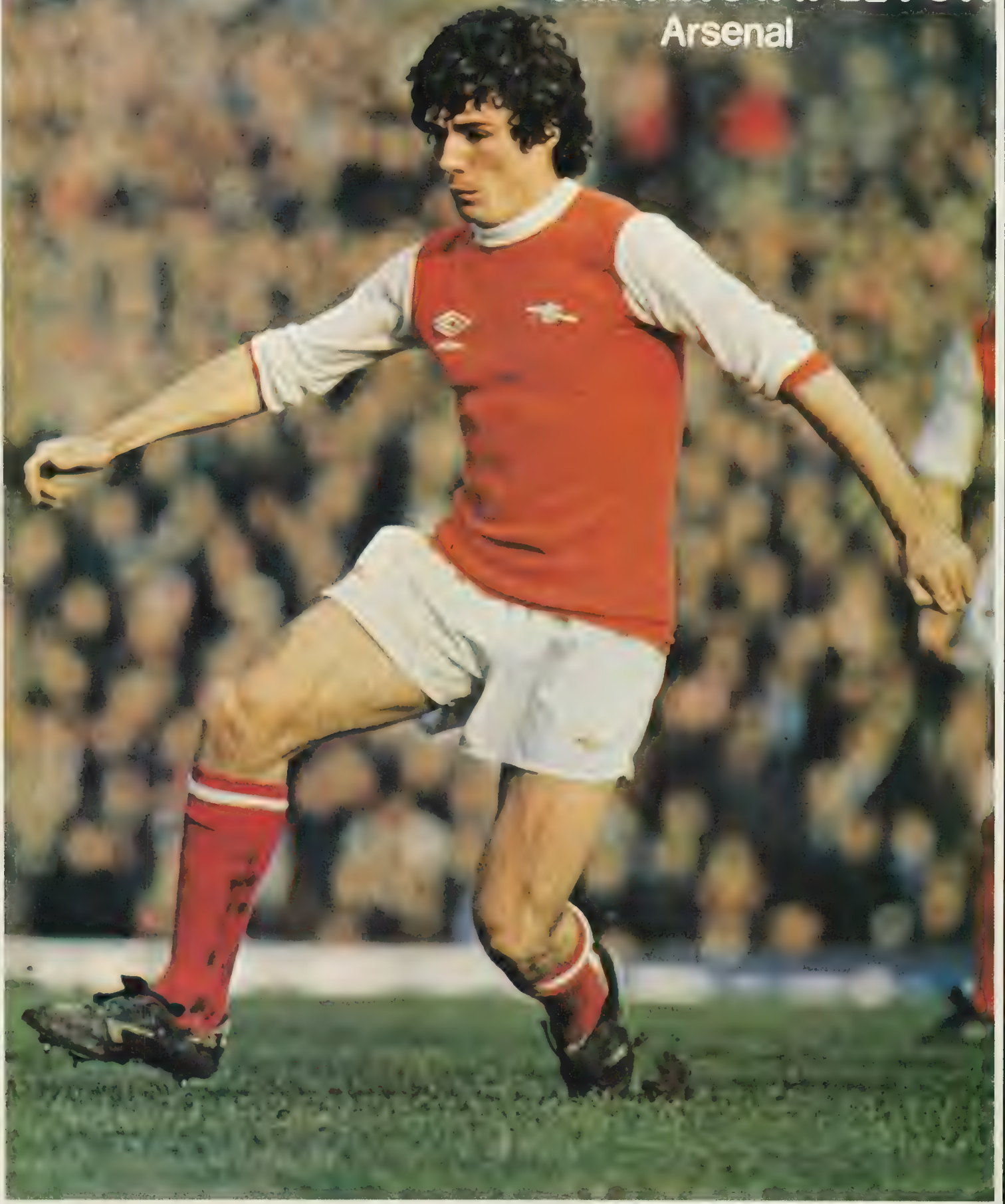
Villa Park hero Brian Little is one of six strikers in contention for a first team place.



PETER WITHE
Aston Villa

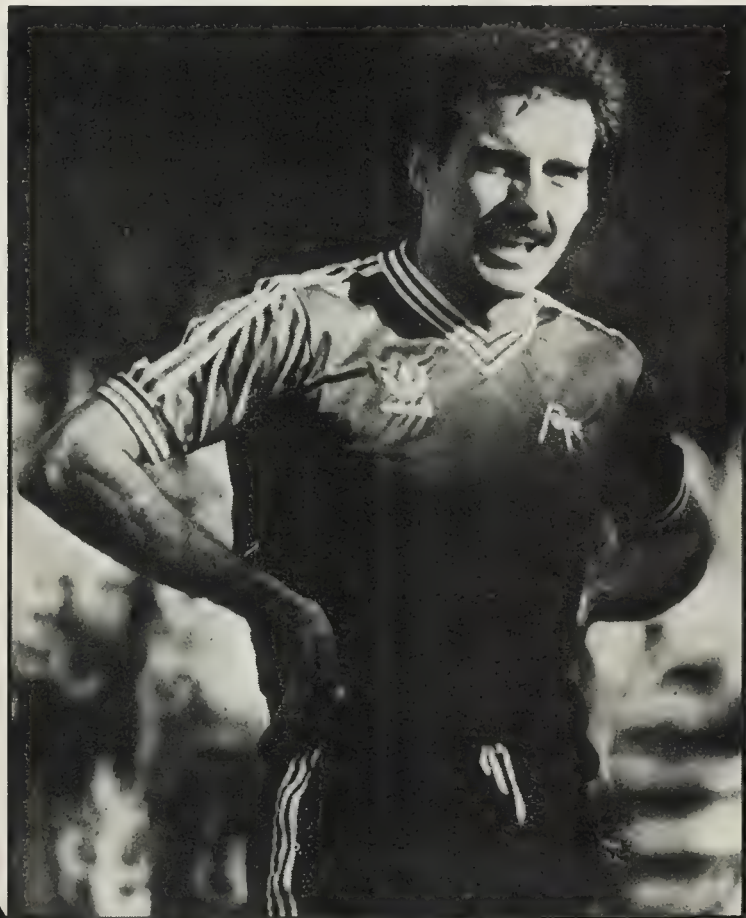
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Aberdeen's Willie Miller rejects Sunderland



SUNDERLAND made Aberdeen captain Willie Miller an offer they thought he couldn't refuse, but they reckoned without the persuasive tongue of Pittodrie manager Alex Ferguson . . .

Miller, at the end of his contract with the newly-crowned Scottish Champions, was all set to move South and the thought of First Division football at Roker Park certainly appealed to the Scottish international sweeper.

"I had every sympathy with Willie," says boss Ferguson. "He has been with Aberdeen for ten years and he felt the time was right to move on and sample soccer elsewhere.

"But he also realised Aberdeen were on the crest of a new era. We made him an offer, he thought about it and, I'm delighted to say, he agreed to stay.

"We are essentially a team at Pittodrie, but Willie Miller plays a huge and vital part. It would have been difficult to replace such a player."

Sunderland were no doubt disappointed when Miller rejected their offer, but it's a great boost to Scottish soccer to see one of its top stars remaining on that side of the border.

Miller received a lucrative new contract and, while the details are secret, you can take it that he will be one of the best paid players in Scotland. There is also the promise of a money spinning Testimonial match next season and that, too, helped persuade the smooth Miller

to remain at Pittodrie.

"I said last season that I thought a move to English football would help me stake a claim as a permanent fixture in the Scottish international side," says Miller.

"However, that's changed now. It was great to be included in Jock Stein's squad last season and it was also good to see team-mates Gordon Strachan and Alex McLeish getting recognition, too.

"If you're good enough Mr Stein will select you. It doesn't matter on which side of the border you play your football."

Miller looks ahead to the new season with grim determination. He says: "Winning the Premier Division title was a marvellous experience.

"Now we want to hang on to the trophy. And there's the European Cup, too. It will be superb to compete in that tournament.

"In fact, we want to win everything in sight. We've got a good team at Pittodrie and it would be interesting to see how far we can go."

Crisis

The resolute Miller is one of the most gifted back-four men in Scotland and he plays his soccer with the stamp of a Franz Beckenbauer. He likes to build play from the back, bringing the ball out of defence and helping the midfield. But whenever he is needed to sort out a crisis in his own penalty box he is invariably at hand with a last ditch tackle, timed to perfection.

He admits he doesn't score as many goals as he would like, but he proved to thousands at Hampden and millions of television viewers that when he does put one away he does it in spectacular style. That goal came against Wales in the British Championship a couple of months ago.

Yes, like Alex Ferguson says, replacing a defender of Willie Miller's quality would not have been an easy task!

THIS time last year young Joe Ward was concentrating on following his old mate Andy Gray into the Aston Villa forward line.

Now, after a whirlwind change in fortunes, he will try to put his game together with Dundee United after the sort of flop that could destroy his confidence.

Ward rarely got an opportunity to show his goalscoring flair at Villa Park after his £80,000 transfer from Clyde.

Struggling Hibs took note of the fact that he wasn't happy in their reserves and former manager Eddie Turnbull forked out £40,000 to take him to Easter Road.

Problems

Ward moved straight into the first team . . . and straight out again. He just couldn't click and eventually injury problems forced him on to the sidelines.

Willie Ormond took over from Turnbull near the end of the season and obviously thought Ward wouldn't make it at Easter Road. He gave him a free transfer and Ward's career might have been over before it started.

Dundee United manager Jim McLean then entered the story and it could yet have a happy ending.

Ward's last chance



His initial interest in the free transfer sheet from relegated Hibs was in Ward's fellow striker Colin Campbell.

After fixing up Campbell, McLean then made his move for Ward and now both free transfer men have been given the joint opportunity to show that Hibs were far too hasty in throwing them on to soccer's scrapheap.

"Both these players have something to offer," says McLean. "Prices for some players are ridiculous. I think it's worthwhile to give free transfer players a second chance."

Ward says: "My career might not have taken the route I expected, but I'm delighted to be at Tannadice. There are so many good players here and everyone knows how much emphasis this team puts on skilful, attacking soccer. That will certainly suit my style."

It's difficult to pinpoint why Ward didn't make it big with Villa. They certainly took their time before eventually signing him from

part-time Clyde where he was a team-mate of Spurs' near £1 million striker Steve Archibald.

They were impressed by the marksmanship and mobility of the tall Ward, and Ron Saunders clearly believed he was on to a bargain when he realised he could get his man for only £80,000.

Ward, who once teamed up with Andy Gray in schools football, went South with high hopes, but that light was put out after only a matter of months and a few first team games.

When Hibs came on the scene to take him back to Scotland he didn't hesitate. Alas, his form suffered in the general nosedive in fortunes at Easter Road.

"It was certainly an experience playing alongside George Best," says Ward. "I suppose I can thank Hibs for that."

Ward realises that only the best will satisfy perfectionist Jim McLean and he is ready to give his all this season. This, after all, could be his last chance for stardom after the recent traumas.

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Soccer in the States

Record-breaking Sounders

SEATTLE Sounders are set to break all records in the NASL this season. With 21 victories and only two defeats, they need to win only four of their final nine games to break the League record of 24.

They are also in with a great chance of achieving the 48 points they need to break the NASL record of 216. Under the North American scoring system, their remaining games carry a maximum 81 points.

Seattle lead the National Conference's Western Division by 52 points from the Los Angeles Aztecs. It's a bit frustrating for the Aztecs, whose points total of 117 is the fifth best in the whole League.

The only thing that can be nagging the Sounders now is the fear that they might go past their peak before the playoffs begin. Despite their remarkable season, all teams start equal once the regular season is over.

J.R. isn't the only hot thing in Dallas at the moment. The Tornado soccer team are going great guns, having won six games on the trot.

Their latest win was 4-2 at Memphis in a temperature of 100 degrees. It took Dallas to the top of the National Conference's Central Division.

Second place Tulsa are on an opposite to the Tornados. They've lost five straight games and are two points behind Dallas, who have a game in hand.

Making his mark

THE Cosmos' Mark Liveric must learn to control his excitement after scoring.

After banging one in against Tampa Bay Rowdies, he swung on the crossbar and brought the goal down.

The match was held up for 27 minutes while the goal was repaired and Liveric was booked for ungentlemanly conduct.



£6 million Rensenbrink

PORTLAND Timbers are reported to have paid a staggering 12 million dollars to secure the services of Robbie Rensenbrink for two years.

If they had used the money to buy two Bionic Men instead, they would still have no chance of making the playoffs.

They're rank bottom of the National Conference's Western Division with 62 points from 21 games — the third worst record in the League.

They scraped a 1-0 win in their last game against San Diego, thanks to a goal from Clyde Best, his first in ten games.

ONCE again, The American Conference's Eastern Division has thrown up the most exciting title race.

Fort Lauderdale and Tampa Bay are dead level on 115 points before the Strikers' 3-2 overtime win over Edmonton took them eight points clear.

New England, who beat Washington with a Keith Weller goal in their last game, are only nine points behind Tampa. And they have a game in hand on both clubs above them.

NASL Standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				GAMES	GOALS		GOALS	BONUS	TOTAL
				PLAYED	WON	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
Eastern Division									
New York	22	16	6	57	30	46	142		
Toronto	21	10	11	31	36	28	88		
Rochester	20	10	10	28	33	23	83		
Washington	21	8	13	40	43	33	81		
Central Division									
Dallas	20	11	9	30	34	25	91		
Tulsa	21	10	11	34	35	29	89		
Minnesota	21	8	13	35	39	29	77		
Atlanta	21	5	16	20	55	19	49		
Western Division									
Seattle	23	21	2	59	17	43	169		
Los Angeles	21	14	7	40	30	33	117		
Vancouver	22	11	11	34	30	27	93		
Portland	21	7	14	21	35	20	62		
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
Eastern Division									
Fl. Lauderdale	23	14	9	43	37	39	123		
Tampa Bay	23	13	10	41	39	37	115		
New England	22	12	10	40	37	34	106		
Philadelphia	21	6	15	23	39	20	56		
Central Division									
Chicago	22	16	6	53	32	44	140		
Detroit	22	10	12	36	34	30	90		
Houston	22	9	13	39	46	34	88		
Memphis	21	9	12	30	38	27	81		
Western Division									
California	23	11	12	48	50	41	107		
Edmonton	22	11	11	40	36	31	97		
San Diego	21	10	11	28	33	23	83		
San Jose	22	7	15	33	45	29	71		

(* Note: Six points are awarded for each win, none for a loss, while one bonus point is given for every goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game. No bonus points are awarded for either an overtime goal or the team shootout goal).

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THE new Jimmy Greaves ... that's the title that has been bestowed upon my young Ibrox team-mate John MacDonald and I'm certain he will live up to that compliment in the new season.

This boy is really something special and anyone who disagrees is welcome at Ibrox any time to see the kid in action. I'm confident he will become one of the truly great Rangers players.

John is just one of the youngsters who is coming along the Rangers conveyor belt of talent at the moment. People may be talking about John Greig's deals in the transfer market for players such as Jim Bett and Colin McAdam — two very good buys — but the future of the club is built by the babes who break through.

I should know what I'm talking about because that's the way I came



Tartan Talk
DEREK JOHNSTONE

through myself and I don't think it has done me any harm. It steeps you in the tradition of the club and it's not a bad thing to have had to clean other people's boots and sweep down the terracing every now and again.

When a young lad leaves school and joins a big-time club his head stands a fair chance of being inflated. Mixing with so-called glamour players can change your outlook slightly, but, thankfully, that isn't allowed to happen at Ibrox.

Young players are sorted out. The one who are dedicated to the profession go and make a hit. The others who aren't quite so interested invariably drop out of things.

Rangers have been lucky with our recent crop of youngsters because they want to play for the club and put this before all else. And that's the way it should be!

I might be captain of the club, but I'm soon put in my place by my colleagues if I don't produce the goods out on the field. I'm just one of the boys and that suits me.

But, getting back to our talented youngsters, it's great to see John MacDonald earning the praise he so richly deserves.

Tackle

Honestly, this boy is so good that no one tries to tackle him in training!

If you go anywhere near him he'll flick the ball through your legs before you know what is going on. I'm told he did this several times to Danny McGrain in a reserve game a couple of years ago.

MacDonald is dedicated to football and he is a born entertainer. The bigger the occasion the better he plays and I'm sure he will be an international regular in a few years.

I know this club is in good hands when I look around me and I see a lot of faces I don't readily recognise. Then I go out to train with these lads and they take my breath away with their skills. Some of them are unbelievable.

You might not be familiar with the name of Gordon Dalziel, but he is another youngster who will go all the way to the top.

And on our recent tour of Canada we brought in a young player by the name of Billy Davies and he, too, looked a certainty for the future.

He's just turned 16-years-old, but what a prospect he is! He met Italian World Cup star Pietro Anastasi after one of our games and he was thrilled when he was told he could be a brilliant player.

These are just some of the youngsters who will make sure Ran-



Jimmy Greaves, one of the great entertainers.

John MacDonald leaves Dundee United's Paul Hegarty trailing.



gers get among the honours — and stay there — in the near future.

Note those names ... MacDonald, Dalziel and Davies. They'll go all the way!

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
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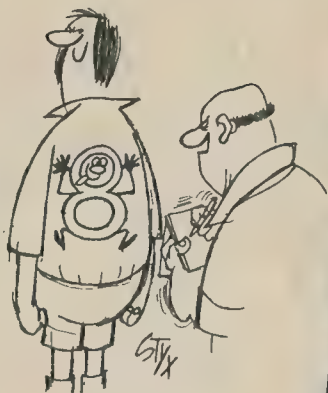
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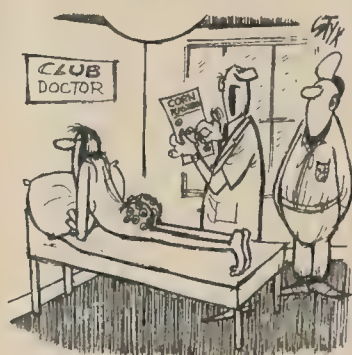
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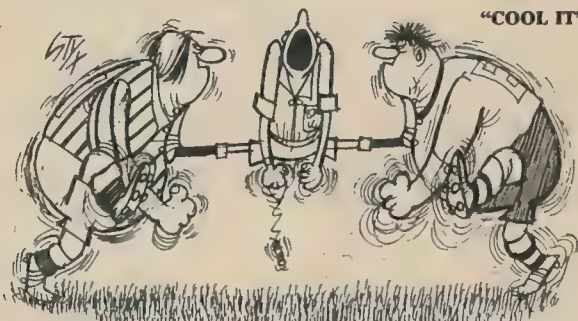
"And how long is it that you've been managing director?"



"I think they need cheering up after that 7-0 defeat — go in and start a sing-song."



"How long has this poor fellow been sitting on the substitute's bench?"



"COOL IT"

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I'M just starting my second week of pre-season training after the most relaxing close-season for years. A year ago I was worried about my future, while previously I'd spent the summer recovering from injury, wondering if I'd be fit for the kick-off.

Touch wood, things have gone well this year and I'm keen for the start of the new campaign which starts on August 16th.

After the British Championship, Vanessa and I stayed on in Scotland for a few days before returning to our cottage just outside Wolverhampton.

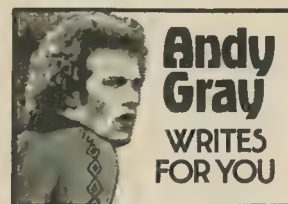
I did a few odd jobs around the place, including some wallpapering in a bedroom, which I'll probably finish NEXT summer! We spent a most enjoyable two weeks in Crete, soaking up the sun and generally taking it easy.

I couldn't get totally away from football, of course. For a start we

when I'd last seen him — suffice to say he has never been to any of the games while I've been a professional, which is seven years. It was tremendous to meet up with him again, as there was so much to talk about. He's an insurance adjuster these days; James used to play football at a lower level, but was banned for life for thumping a referee!

While out there, I did some light training with the local NASL team, the Edmonton Drillers, just to ensure that I wasn't too rusty when I reported back with Wolves.

Two months of doing very little



'Pre-season

came across John McAlle (who broke a leg last season) and his wife at the airport as we flew out. The four of us met up for dinner one night and inevitably soccer crept into the conversation. Hopefully, John will be fit soon to battle for his place in the Wolves side.

The Greeks are football mad and word soon spread that I was around, but I was never pestered. With Greece in the European Championship, interest was high, although I watched just two games on television: England/Italy and the Final, Belgium/West Germany.

We returned from Crete on June 26th and two days later jettied out to Edmonton, Canada, to see my brother, James. I can't remember

has re-charged my batteries — I think every pro needs about that time off to rest his body. I feel sorry for the England lads, who have had less than a month away.

They'll probably be buzzing for the start of the season, as they won't have lost their fitness in such a short time. I wonder if their legs will be heavy when the bad weather arrives, though.

The top players have very little chance to get away from it all and after two or three seasons of 11-month football it can take its toll.

This will be my first full campaign with Wolves and I'm eager to improve on last season. We all are. I'm sure the manager, John Barnwell, will have benefited from a





"John Barnwell will have benefited from a long summer away from football."

him the biggest difference he'll find down South is that the game is far more competitive.

Scottish football is competitive, although the standard is higher in England. Steve will see that he won't be able to relax or take it easy against anyone in England.

I'll put my head on the block and say that Steve will be a surprise to many people. He has a lot of ability, he's a winner, has the right temperament and defenders will know they've been in a game.

I particularly like the way Steve isn't afraid to take players on. I found in my first season with Villa that opponents didn't pay too much attention to me as I was still relatively unknown. Steve's big test will obviously come during his second season, but I think he has what it takes.

Ian Wallace is a busy striker, who always gives the opposing defence a tough time. Forest have missed

Tony Woodcock and they'll be hoping Ian can provide some goal-power.

Peter Withe is back in Division One with Aston Villa following his £500,000 transfer from Newcastle United. Peter will do a good job for Villa... he's their type of player.

What has surprised me is the amount of top-class players who have been available, but no club seems to have come in for them. Maybe they'll be snapped up before the start of the season, but not so long ago someone would have bought them straight away.

It makes me realise how lucky I was to get a transfer to a club like Wolves relatively quickly last summer.

I see the transfer merry-go-round slowing down with, eventually, a ceiling on fees. Sanity is returning to football...

Arch. Geard

results mean nothing'

long summer away from football and should feel much better.

Last season he was still feeling the effect of the car crash. The boss has done very little this summer and that will have done him the world of good.

Wolves are off to Spain for a pre-season tournament in Bilbao, hosted by the local team Athletic; the other two sides are Bohemians Prague and Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Pre-season results mean nothing. They are no guide to what will happen when the League action starts. I remember when Aston Villa won the League Cup and finished fourth in the League three years ago... we lost 3-0 to Walsall and

were beaten by two Fourth Division clubs. Last season Wolves lost to Shrewsbury.

Such games are used solely to reach peak fitness. Naturally they're a help for new players to settle in and see the pattern of play, but the main point of pre-season matches is to ensure the players are in good shape for the start of the League season.

Some clubs prefer competitive games, others like to 'break themselves' in against weaker opposition.

No one wants to lose 6-0, because it does dent your confidence; on the other hand a 6-0 victory could give you a false idea of how you are really progressing.

It's been a relatively quiet summer for transfers, only three really big ones: Clive Allen from QPR to Arsenal, Steve Archibald to Spurs from Aberdeen and Ian Wallace to Nottingham Forest.

I played against young Clive in last season's League Cup and he impressed me as a great prospect. I think he'll be good enough to make the grade, although at more than £1 million after one season in Division Two he still represents a big gamble.

There is a lot of difference between the top two Divisions and my mind keeps going back to Derek Hales, who scored almost every week for Charlton in the Second Division but couldn't do it in Division One.

Having said that, Clive is a better player than Derek and he could hardly have joined a better club than Arsenal.

I know Steve Archibald quite well, as I roomed with him during the British Championship. Naturally, Steve was asking me a lot of questions about England and I told



"Borussia (white strip) will prove a stern test in our pre-season friendly"

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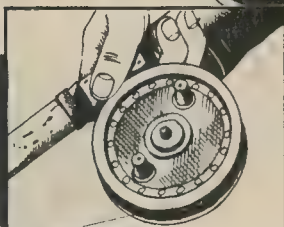
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The agony is over for Tottenham's Peter Taylor



WITH the close-season appearing to get shorter and shorter by the year, the majority of footballers have taken full advantage of the few free weeks they've had during the summer to put their feet up and re-charge those drained energy cells.

Most, that is ... but not Tottenham winger Peter Taylor. For him, the opposite has been true. Because Taylor, who missed virtually the whole of last season recovering from a pelvic operation, was determined to push himself to the limit in an effort to get fully fit for the new season.

"I took an early holiday first, then when I came back I worked out a training schedule designed to bring me back to 100 per cent fitness for the big kick-off," Peter explained.

"Punishing long runs, against the clock, through the woods near my home, and working on the weights at my squash club have been the order of the day.

"A lot of people can't train on their own. They need someone else around to keep them on their toes. Luckily, I don't have that problem. I can discipline myself.

"Besides, if I needed any motivation, which I didn't, all I had to do was remind myself of last season, and what a terribly depressing time it was for me.

"The worst of my entire career. I just couldn't stand anything like that again. That's why I was so determined to get back into action.

'Agony'

"I must be the world's worst spectator. It was sheer agony sometimes, sitting there on the sidelines. Far worse than all the pain and discomfort I went through with the injury itself."

Taylor's troubles started back in the 1978-79 season.

"I developed the injury with about two months of the season still to run," he explained. "At first, it was decided I should play through it. But that was a mistake, because it slowed me down, and consequently affected my form.

"Then I was told to take a complete rest during that summer, and they thought that would cure the problem. But that didn't work, either. So, in the end, I had to have an operation.

"I never dreamed, when I went into hospital, that I'd be out of action for almost a year though."

Peter did get back into the fray at the end of last season, via testimonial and reserve games, as well as a couple of first team outings. But, by his own admission, he wasn't really ready for it.

"People kept reminding me that I'd had a serious operation, and that I'd got to have patience, and ease myself back slowly. But I thought I was experienced enough to know when I should come back," said Taylor. "Now I know that I let my heart rule my head.

"When I started to play again, I was only around 70 per cent fit, and I suffered because of it, believe me. I felt terrible after my first game. But things improved with every outing. In fact, while the other lads were glad to see the end of the season, I was raring to go, and wished it was just starting, not finishing."

Taylor's injury was the sort that has been known to have forced more than a few players out of the game completely. A fact that Peter was all too well aware of.

"Obviously, when you're in hospital or at home, with nothing else to do but just sit around and rest, all sorts of things go through your mind," he said.

"And it occurred to me more than once that I could conceivably have to call it a day.

"To be perfectly honest, that nagging doubt is still at the back of my mind, even though the medical evidence suggests otherwise.

"It's just something which I



Paul Miller, one of the exciting prospects currently making his mark at White Hart Lane.

know will stay with me until I've got a dozen or more full-blooded games behind me, without feeling any adverse reaction to the injury. Only then will I be fully convinced that I'm back to normal."

With the summer addition of Steve Archibald, Taylor is fully aware that simply attaining full fitness won't guarantee him a place in the Spurs side.

Competition for first team shirts is going to be fierce, but he's confident he can win a spot on ability.

"I suppose I'm somewhat fortunate in that I'm a winger, who can not only give width to the forward-line, but I can also score my fair share of goals," Taylor said.

"And with Steve operating down the middle, I hope the manager, Keith Burkinshaw, is going to be looking to me to supply the ammunition from the flanks."

'Opportunity'

As much as he hated sitting on the sidelines last season, Taylor admits that it did give him an opportunity to assess the Spurs side from a different point of view.

"Call it bias, if you like," he said, "but I feel there's a great future ahead for the club.

"You've only got to look at some of the players in the side to realise that. Promising youngsters like Chris Hughton and Paul Miller ... exciting ball-players like Glenn Hoddle, Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa ... and dedicated professionals like Terry Yorath and Steve Perryman. A formidable combination, I think you'll agree.

"If Glenn can supply anything like the goals he got last time, with Steve Archibald adding his expected quota — and me cashing in with a dozen or so, then the future has got to be rosy, hasn't it?

"Can you wonder at me wanting to get back to enjoy a slice of it?"

PUZZLE TIME

TEAM TRACING

Start at the top left-hand corner and make your way to the bottom right-hand corner, by moving onto an adjacent horizontal or vertical square, spelling out the names of four English and four Scottish teams as you go. As a guide, the first CELTIC, is indicated for you. Carry on from there.

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 42

'World Cup

By increasing the number of qualifying places for the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain from 16 to 24, F.I.F.A. — the World governing body — have devalued the game's greatest competition.

I say that in spite of the fact that the enlarged number presents England with a far easier task than



on the two previous occasions to qualify for this major international tournament.

I'd be a hypocrite if I didn't admit that anything that enhances my chances of playing in my first — and probably last, due to age — World Cup is welcomed. But at the same time I'm irked by the thought that in terms of quality football it can't rank overall with previous Finals.

It stands to reason that more competitors will mean a drop in standards.

Ideally every qualifier should be capable of winning the coveted gold trophy, but even with 16 it wasn't the case; and now I'd calculate that about 12 countries will be there solely for the ride.

Experience

I know one of the reasons for F.I.F.A.'s decision is to spread the gospel of football by giving experience to developing countries from Asia, Africa, the Middle and Far East and the Americas.

But the likely outcome is that truly World-ranking countries will be brought down to the others' level, and not vice versa.

The reputation of the World Cup Finals as a showcase for the very best in football must inevitably be harmed. Surely a better way of improving the skills and techniques of the "also rans" would be to devise competitions between them for far more attainable trophies.

I don't envy the men whose task it is to organise the tournament in Spain. There are only a handful of first class venues and I believe some others being seriously considered are in isolated spots badly served by roads and rail.

However, despite my reservations about the wisdom of allowing so many qualifiers and the ability of Spain to stage such a complex competition, I desperately want to be there with England and to help my country capture the World Cup for a second time!

We want to repay Ron Greenwood for the faith he has shown in us. We're all delighted he is to stay on and steer us to Spain '82.



Right now I'm sure he's analysing our recent performances in Italy with a view to learning from any mistakes in tactics and selection and also evaluating the different styles of Continental play.

The seeds of success in Spain could well prove to have been sown on the playing fields of Italy.

Ron will also be doing his homework on the four teams we play in Group Four: Hungary, Rumania, Norway and Switzerland. All groups, with the exception of the last, Group Seven, consist of five teams, with two from each qualifying. Group Seven is made up of Poland, East Germany and Malta, and only one can qualify.

Hungary are proof of the fact that soccer goes in cycles: a country can dominate, then go into a period of decline before starting the climb back to the top strata.

Finals devalued'



ABOVE: Trevor Francis leaps to head home for England against Hungary at Wembley in 1978. England won 4-1.
RIGHT: Ron Greenwood puts Kevin Keegan through his paces at London Colney.

I was only a little lad when Hungary came to Wembley in 1953 and dealt the English game a body blow from which it took many years to recover.

Showing an entirely original brand of exciting, free-flowing football — led by a podgy-looking genius named Ferenc Puskas — the "Mighty Magyars" ran rings round the England team and came out winners by 6-3. It was the first time a foreign side had won at Wembley.

In the England goal that day was Gil Merrick, one of my early heroes, and the Hungarians would have won even more convincingly but for his efforts.

How times have changed for both countries is illustrated by the fact that we beat the Hungarians comfortably by 4-1 on their last visit.

Now they share the same fault as other East European countries in

that they are poor travellers and struggle to do well away from home.

On their own ground, though, they present a different proposition, as we at Liverpool can testify from playing the Hungarian crack side, Ferencváros, in European competitions at the Nep Stadium, Budapest.

The atmosphere there is reminiscent of English grounds after the last War: large crowds rather drably dressed but enthusiastic in support of their teams.

'Hungarians are poor travellers'

This is obviously due to the lack of alternative pursuits and pastimes, now enjoyed by people in the more affluent Western societies.

Whereas the Hungarians still put the emphasis on skill, their fellow Easterners, Rumania, tend to be over-physical, and this violence extends to their fans.

I recall watching a World Cup qualifying game between Rumania and Spain in which three players were sent-off and a Spaniard was struck by a bottle thrown by a Rumanian spectator.

By contrast, Norway are a very sporting side capable of causing the occasional scare, as they did at Hampden in a European

Championship game by leading Scotland 2-1 with ten minutes to go. Kenny Dalglish then equalised and Archie Gemmill scored the winner from a penalty.

I hope I won't lose any of the friends I've made through coaching in Norway during close seasons by regarding their country as the weakest in the Group.

Switzerland are only a marginally better team. Although they have talented individuals, their team work is suspect and must rule them out as serious rivals.

On a form basis, England should progress along with Hungary.

I'm sure not all my readers are England supporters, so it's only fair I assess the Groups containing the other three home nations and the Republic of Ireland to decide which I think the most likely to join us.

Wales, in Group Three, have probably realistically set their sights on finishing second, as Czechoslovakia are obviously the strongest team.

Unreliable

That means they must "outpoint" Russia — a notoriously unreliable team Greece headed in a European Championship qualifying Group — Turkey and Iceland.

Having got off to a promising start by beating the Icelanders 4-0 away, Mike England's men stand a good chance.

Both Scotland and Northern Ireland must have cursed the draw-makers for casting them both in Group Six, where they compete against Sweden, Portugal and Israel.

The danger here is that the home nations will cancel each other out and present the two places to Portugal and Sweden.

Even if that doesn't happen, I pick Portugal as Group winners, with the second spot hopefully going to either the Scots or Irish.

But it's the other Ireland, the Republic, who are unlucky enough to fall into the hardest-looking Group of all: Group Two, with Holland, France, Belgium and Cyprus.

With all respects to my team-mate and friend, Steve Heighway, who plays for the Republic, I can't see them overcoming either France — who qualified at their expense for the last World Cup — European Championship Finalists Belgium — not a great side, but very well organised — or Holland — who despite going through a transitional period, still display much of the skills and team work that created the term "Total Football".

The last time the four home nations appeared in a World Cup Finals was in Sweden in 1958, and thanks to the increase in the number of qualifiers it could happen again.

Unfortunately, this innovation could diminish the Finals as a spectacle.

Ray Clemence



'We want to repay Ron Greenwood'





SHOOT!

HEARTS STOPPER CONN

ALFIE CONN, soccer's remarkable wanderer, signed recently for Hearts and declared: "It's time I settled down."

"I've got a young family approaching school age and it's time I put down roots. There have been so many upheavals over the years."

Conn re-wrote the history books when he became the first player to win Scottish Cup medals for BOTH members of the Old Firm, Celtic and Rangers. He also had a brief three year romance with Spurs, but that association ended when Terry Neill left as boss at White Hart Lane to cross to Highbury.

Keith Burkinshaw, Neill's successor, swiftly sold Conn to Celtic for £65,000, but two years later Billy McNeill handed the former international a free transfer.

There were doubts over his fitness and Conn went to the fast and furious seven-a-side game in America to prove there was nothing wrong with him.

"I feel fine," says Conn, "and I'm really looking forward to playing for Hearts in the Premier Division."

"I've got a lot to live up to, for my father used to play for the Tynecastle men in the Fifties and he won every major honour in Scottish football with them. It would be nice to emulate that feat."

"I've always had a soft spot for Hearts. I used to watch my father training at Tynecastle and it has become a bit of family tradition to play for the club. My younger brother Bobby had a spell with them several years ago before injury put him out of the game."

Conn, at 28, realises he has never quite lived up to expectations after bursting upon the scene as an immensely talented teenager with Rangers.

That ability helped him to win a European Cup Winners' Cup medal in 1972 when the Ibrox men



defeated Moscow Dynamo 3-2 in Barcelona. The following season he was packing his bags and crossing the border for the bright lights of London and a new career with Spurs.

Rangers received £165,000 for Conn, but Spurs were happy to drop £100,000 of that fee when former Celtic boss Jock Stein made his move in 1977.

At last it looked as though Conn would be given a platform from which to weave his magical spells, but after winning League and Cup medals in his first season, his game went off the boil and he

dropped out of the limelight.

He went through the following season without scoring a goal in the first team although, to be fair, he was severely hampered by injury. He returned briefly when Billy McNeill took over as manager, but, again, he couldn't achieve consistency.

There was talk of behind-the-scenes rows with the Parkhead boss and there was little surprise when the news broke that Conn was to be given a free transfer.

Lucrative

Conn was fixed to play for a Spanish club on a lucrative £40,000 a year contract but that didn't materialise.

Derby were interested and Conn agreed to go to the Baseball Ground, but just when everything looked set, Tommy Docherty moved out and Conn was left wondering what was going on.

He might have gone to Queens Park Rangers along with The Doc, but those rumours were dismissed. Now Conn has returned from America and if ever a player had something to prove it's the Hearts man.

The coming youngster of the early Seventies might now arrive in the Eighties!

TO score over 20 goals per season from a midfield position might seem a little unusual to some people, but not to Billy Kellock, Peterborough United's schemer-in-chief and top goal-scorer.

"I've notched around 20 nearly every season," says the 26-year-old Glaswegian, "and they've all come from a midfield role."

"If you score as regularly as I do, then people assume that you're a striker, but I'm not."

"I just play like a normal midfield man. I push forward into the penalty box and latch on to the end of things. I may do a bit more running to get myself into a scoring position, but you don't mind the extra effort when you're grabbing the goals."

Kellock, who found the net 40 times in the 1978-79 season with non-League Kettering Town, says: "There's no knack or anything. I just keep hitting them and they go in. Perhaps I'm a shade fortunate in having two good feet which means I can strike balls as they drop."

Billy plunders his goals from every conceivable position. "I don't care how they go in," he continues. "I have scored some really spectacular goals in my time, but quite a few have come from close-range headers or simple tap-ins."

Kellock, a fraction under six feet and weighing in at 12 stone, began his career at 15 as an apprentice with Aston Villa.

"I was homesick," he admits, "so I went back to Scotland."

Twelve months later he crossed

the border again and signed for Cardiff City. "I was at Ninian Park for about three years," he says, "then I was transferred to First Division Norwich City."

"I only stayed at Carrow Road for one season. I was given a 'free' and I dropped into non-League football with Chelmsford and Kettering."

"Then Peterborough paid £25,000 for me at the start of last season. When Kettering boss Mick Jones went to Mansfield I was all set to follow until Peterborough came in."

Kellock didn't find much difference between playing at Kettering and Peterborough.

"League football is a bit more professional because teams are training full-time and are obviously fitter."

'Easier'

"But I think the higher up you go, then the easier it becomes because you're playing with and against better players."

"Nevertheless, the standard of non-League football is a great deal higher than most people think. There are always one or two upsets in the Cup and it's not the walkover that the bigger clubs expect it to be."

"Manager Peter Morris is a very knowledgeable person and has built a fair side, one capable of gaining promotion next season."

"I would think that the new campaign will be successful for me and the club. Peterborough is a happy club and too good for the Fourth Division."

'I'm no striker' says Posh marksman



Billy Kellock

What we **DON'T** want to see next season

Tempers flare at Leicester as QPR's Bob Hazell goes in fists first.

One on the jaw for Birmingham City full-back Mark Dennis from Chris Guthrie of Fulham.

If looks could kill ... then Everton's Peter Eastoe would be on the receiving end from Palace's Billy Gilbert.

Forest's John McGovern loses his cool in the Super Cup at Barcelona.

The punch-up to end them all last season. Liverpool v Everton at Anfield, and Merseyside rivalry gets the better of the teams in a mass brawl.

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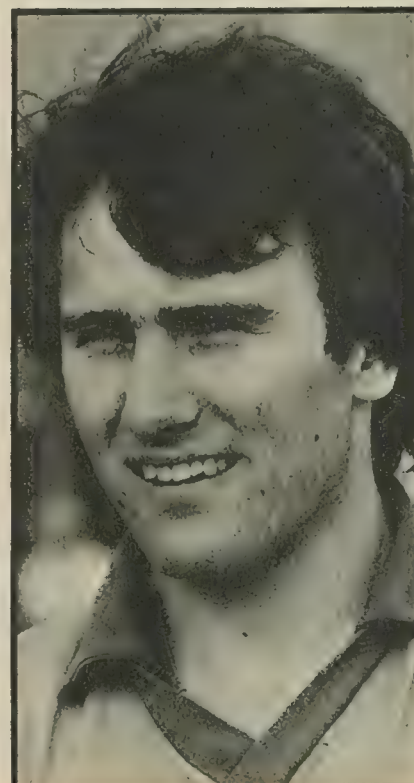
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St. Mirren's Bobby Torrance (above) and
Eamonn Bannon of Dundee United (below)
both hope to sustain Premier Division
Championship bids in the forthcoming
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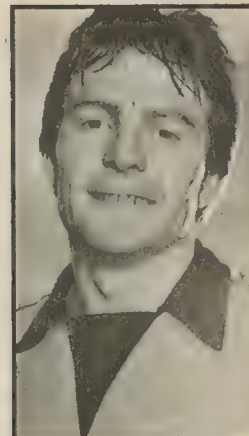


Ian Cashmore of Ayr United (above) and Dundee full-back Robert Glennie (below).



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Alloa full-back Hugh McCann (above) and Stenhousemuir boss Harry Glasgow (below), both looking for promotion.



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Last defeat

When did Liverpool last lose a League game at Anfield?

**M. A. SHIPWAY
BIDEFORD**

It was against Birmingham — losing 2-3 — on 21st January, 1978. Until late in the game the visitors were actually 3-0 up — with goals from Gary Emmanuel, Keith Bertschin (below) and Trevor Francis (opponent) — before Phil Thompson and Ray Kennedy made the scoreline a bit more respectable for the (for once) embarrassed Reds.



Icelandic Gunner

I'm an Arsenal supporter now living in Iceland, and have heard that an Icelandic once played for them. Can you tell me anything about him?

**T. H. BARTLETT,
ICELAND**

Reckon you're thinking of Albert Gudmundsson — who, while over here on business, played a couple of First Division games for Arsenal in the 1940-47 season.

He was a lively inside-forward who later became President of the Icelandic F.A.

Incidentally, Gudmundsson made a little bit of soccer history when he played for Arsenal v. Stoke at Highbury on 19th October, 1946.

For also in that Arsenal line-up were Bernard Joy (later a distinguished sportswriter) and Dr. Kevin O'Flanagan (who became a prominent specialist in Eire) — and that trio of amateurs made up the largest number to play for a Football League side in the same game since the last War.

No goal

Which club has gone the most consecutive Football League games without conceding a goal?

**PATRICK HEPTINSTALL,
CLECKHEATON**

As far as I can trace, Patrick, that's a record shared by Millwall and York. In 1925-26 in the old Division Three (South), Millwall went 11 successive games without allowing their opponents a goal — and then in 1973-74 York equalled that feat in Division Three.

Interval

How long should players get for their half-time break?

**ANDREW KNOTT,
COBHAM**

Well, Andrew, part of Law 7 states: "At half-time the interval shall not exceed five minutes except by consent of the Referee."

But, as you'll realise, the lads aren't often back on the pitch inside five minutes flat — so maybe there are quite a few kind and "consenting" refs around!

Joe Baker

Has anyone ever played in a full international for England while on the books of a Scottish club?

**MICHAEL BURKE,
BEDWORTH**

Well, I can certainly think of one, Michael — and not all that long ago, either.

In 1959 and 1960, Hibernian's Liverpool-born striker Joe Baker played five times for England — before, following a spell with Torino in Italian football, returning home to play for Arsenal and gaining three more caps in the 1965-66 season.

SHORT PASSES

Chelsea's first League match was a 1-0 defeat at Stockport in Div Two on 2nd September, 1905.

(MICHELLE BARBS, Raynes Park)

Kenny Dalglish joined Liverpool from Celtic on 11th August, 1977.

(OKECIKWU OKAFOR, Nigeria)

Bolton's record gate is 69,912 against Manchester City in the F.A. Cup Fifth Round on 18th February, 1933.

(JANE HACKING, Darlington)

The first F.A. Cup Final at Wembley took place on 28th April, 1923 — Bolton beating West Ham 2-0.

(JONATHAN CLEMENTS, Stalybridge)

Kevin Hird played 132 League games for Blackburn before being transferred to Leeds on 2nd March, 1976.

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'GEMMILL'S A

ONE of the biggest natural-born survivors in the game... that's my feelings about one of my old Forest team-mates we'll be bumping into again this season.

Archie Gemmill is the man I'm talking about and you can bet that he's really looking forward to the beginning of the season when Birmingham City are the opposition for our first home game.

Archie proved to be a tremendous buy for Birmingham last season and was just the kind of player and character they needed to provide the backbone to their promotion effort.

Knowing Archie he won't be satisfied with that. He'll be out to make sure that Birmingham make an impact in the First Division and if he can get something from their visit to us he'll be thrilled.



I bet he's got his sleeves rolled up now in readiness for taking on the First Division again and although his best days are probably now behind him, Archie's enormous experience should make up for any slight loss of pace he might suffer as the years go by.

A player of Archie's type is not only useful on the field but also in the dressing room.

He's one of the biggest mickey-takers I have ever come across in

Mark Wallington, now the longest-serving player at Filbert Street



'LEICESTER'S BITING TACKLES'

I'M delighted to see my old club Leicester City back in the First Division even though it's a much changed side from the one I played in.

In fact the only player in the Leicester first team who was at the club at the time I was there is Mark Wallington who, of course, took over the goalkeeper's position when I was transferred to Stoke City.

Since then there has been something of a clear-out among the staff and the result is a totally new-look outfit.

Obviously, there has been a big change around since Jock Wallace arrived as manager and he has clearly brought his own brand of leadership to the club.

From a distance he appears to have really laid on the line what he

expects from his players and that has meant nothing less than 100 per cent from everyone connected with the club.

He's also got to be admired for giving youngsters their head at Filbert Street and his motto has been "If they are good enough, they are old enough."

We saw for ourselves at Forest an indication of the new Leicester when they came across to Nottingham at the end of last season to play us in a testimonial match for John Robertson.

There was nothing really at stake for either side but that didn't prevent Leicester biting into the tackle and treating the game as a warm up for the First Division.

But they also found out from us that we treat every game in a competitive manner too.

BIG MICKEY-TAKER'

football though he used to steer clear of me quite a lot when he was stirring things up (in the nicest possible way, of course).

When Archie gets rabbiting on in a dressing room you always have to think twice before you answer because there's bound to be a double meaning attached to what he is saying.

There were times at Forest when he used to get at big Larry Lloyd and Kenny Burns. They used to snap back at him a bit but it was all in good humour and that sort of thing is all part and parcel of team spirit.

I'm certain he'll be up to the same tricks at Birmingham and if he can use any little bit of gamesmanship to upset us when we meet. I'm sure he'll try.

Ever since Archie left Forest for

St. Andrews people have said that we let him go too early. Obviously the boss considered that we could afford to do without him, and when you consider we won the European Cup without either Archie or his replacement Stan Bowles, it can be argued that it was the right decision.

Decisive

Yet Archie's influence on Birmingham's promotion from Division Two last season was decisive. Without him in the midfield Blues might not have made it back to the top so quickly.

A marvellous competitor, I reckon that we will be in for a tough time when Archie returns to the City Ground on August 20th.

But at least we know what to expect!

'CLARK-A GENT AND A WINNER'

I will be nice to see my old Forest team-mate Frank Clark back in the First Division with Sunderland this season.

And I'm certain that Frank has had a lot to do with putting them there in his management partnership with Ken Knighton.

I think a lot of people in the game wondered whether they might be too inexperienced as a pair to take hold of such a big club as Sunderland but if they had any doubters, they have certainly proved themselves.

I can't speak for Knighton because I don't really know him but I built up a tremendous amount of respect for Frank in the time that we were together at the City Ground.

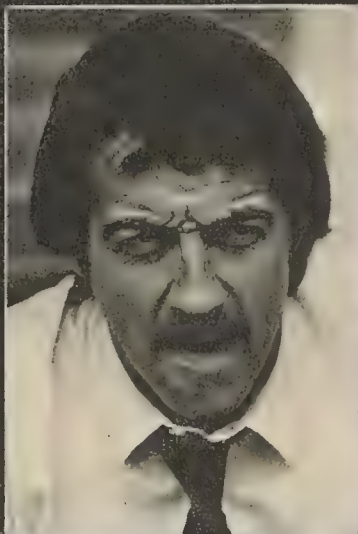
Complicate

He's first and foremost a gentleman and, unlike some former players going into management, he's the sort who will not want to complicate the game too much.

A year ago Frank had a really big decision to make in his career because he had just been in the Forest side that had won the European Cup for the first time and had been offered a new contract by the boss.

But he had also been offered the assistant manager's job at Sunderland and that turned out to be the greater lure.

We always knew at Forest that he was the sort to go into management but thought that he would probably have to start off lower down the scale and work his way up.



It's to his credit, however, that it's worked out for him and Sunderland, and although they will need to re-establish themselves in the First Division, I don't think they will have too many problems.

Sunderland are always a difficult side to beat at Roker Park and for that reason alone they should be able to hold their own in mid-table at least.

Bob Knighton



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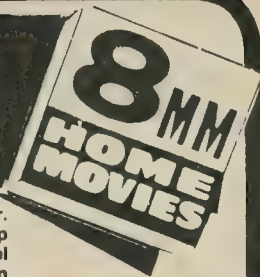
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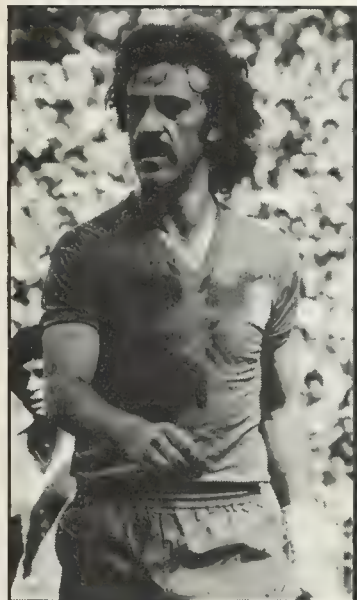
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The Rat wants to leave yesterday

OUR old friend Antonio 'The Rat' Rattin seems to have had enough of managing Boca Juniors after just half the season's games! The ex-Argentine national team captain claims: "I'm tired of managing Boca. I've aged five years in the last five months. As soon as my contract ends in December, I'm off. In fact, if they pay me today I'll leave yesterday!"



TWO of the Spanish team that took on England in the final game of the European Championship returned from Italy... to the operating table. Real Sociedad goalkeeper Luis Arconada (rated by many the best 'keeper in the Finals) had a hernia operation. And so did Real Madrid midfielder Vicente Del Bosque (above). Incidentally, while Del Bosque was under anaesthetic, the surgeon also whipped a cyst off one eye!

PROBLEMS FOR '82 WORLD CUP

THERE's surprise after surprise in Spain's preparations to stage the 1982 World Cup. Work is only just beginning in a handful of the grounds that need modernising; several city councils are humming and ha-ing about raising cash; Vigo City Council still hasn't decided if it wants to be a World Cup centre or not!

On a more practical note, the news that games will kick off at either 5 p.m. or 9 p.m. is something of a bombshell.

A 9 o'clock kick-off presents no problems, but in several of the World Cup centres (such as Barcelona, Valencia, Alicante, Elche, Málaga, Sevilla and Zaragoza) afternoon temperatures in June and July are so high that the 5 o'clock kick-offs could present the players with serious physical problems.

Shade temperatures could be as high as 85 degrees at that time, and considerably higher in the sun-filled arena of a football stadium.

Let's hope that the organisers limit the early kick-offs to the northern cities, like Bilbao, Gijón, Oviedo and Vigo, where summer temperatures are more moderate.



CRUYFF'S CASH

ALMOST two years ago, SHOOT informed its readers that Johan Cruyff might be forced to come out of retirement and head for the U.S.A., as the Dutch superstar had put practically all of his cash into a shaky 'business empire' in Spain.

Sure enough, Johan soon crossed the Atlantic — and sure enough his Spanish investments have proved disastrous.

A Barcelona court is now trying to seize all Johan's assets, including a cattle farm in the Pyrenees and a luxury flat in the centre of Barcelona.

POOR SEASON-GOOD PROFIT

BARCELONA made a profit of £1,300,000 last season despite making early exits from the Cup Winners' Cup and the Spanish Cup, and finishing an unimpressive fourth in the Spanish League. Their budget for the new season is just under £7,000,000, and they're increasing the capacity of their Nou Camp stadium to 111,000.

No wonder they could afford to offer £2¼m for Diego Maradona!

'I'll shoot myself if we lose'

IT's Nacional (Uruguay) and Internacional Porto Alegre (Brazil) for the Final of the Copa Libertadores — South America's equivalent of the European Cup.

The Brazilians got the better of Deportivo Cali (Colombia) and the Argentinians of Vélez Sarsfield in their Semi-Final group, and the elimination

of Vélez means that there's no Argentine side in the Final for the first time in the last 18 years!

In the other group, Nacional of Montevideo surprised all and sundry by overcoming last season's winners Olimpia of Asunción, though it must be said that the Paraguayan side has been much weakened by injuries and

transfers of key men like Kiese and Isasi.

One humorous note was provided by Olimpia's new manager Ricardo De León who vowed to shoot himself if his team couldn't beat Nacional.

They didn't, but the latest news is that De León is still in reasonable health!

News flashes

● During the FC Porto-Vitoria Setubal League match, Portuguese international Pavao collapsed and died. Later it was revealed that neither he nor his club had any insurance. Porto have abdicated all responsibility by referring his widow, Guilhermina Ferreira dos Santos, to the Government's Ministry of Social Security, arguing it was an accident... at work.

● The Rumanian F.A. staged a celebration match in Bucharest marking 50 years' membership with FIFA and the 75th anniversary of the country's oldest club Olimpia Bucharest. The national team of 1980 beat the national team of 1970 3-2

before a crowd of 70,000 with Sandu, Boloni and Nicola scoring for the current team and Lucescu and Tataru for the oldies.

● Peru's top club, Alianza Lima, are being taken to court by the Social Security! Alianza owe just over £10,000 in unpaid contributions.

● Rairo Blacutt has been named as manager of the Bolivian national team and is preparing a new squad for the World Cup qualifiers.

● Spain's 1982 World Cup Committee netted just under £3½ million from a special draw of the Spanish National Lottery. The money will be used to help finance ground improvements needed for the 1982 Finals.

● The Swedish F.A. have announced a new disciplinary system for the 1980 season. Any player sent-off will automatically be suspended for the next game and lose points for his club according to a scale. At the end of the season the club with the least penalty points will receive £1,750 — and F.A. president Tore Brodd believes this will help keep tempers under control on the pitch.

● Spartak Moscow and Zenith Leningrad have both had players suspended after their Cup game, though the referee and linesmen saw nothing! The Press carried reports of a 'Boxing match' on the pitch and after a hearing the F.A. suspended Georgi Yartzev (Spartak) for five games and Ivan Ignatovic (Zenith) for four games.

Krol's fortune



RUUD Krol is set to make more money than at any other time in his career. His American contract allows him to play in Europe during the NASL Off-season and he has apparently signed a deal to play for AS Roma when Vancouver do not need him during eight months of the year. That alone will bring him in £250,000 a year.

THE Millionaires are broke. That's the sad fact facing Argentina's top club River Plate, traditionally nicknamed 'The Millionaires'. River top the Metropolitan Championship at the moment, but their early exit from the Copa Libertadores has left a hole in their budget for the season, and their debts now total nearly two million pounds.

River have six of the Argentine squad that won the 1978 World Cup (including captain Pasarella, centre), and we can expect to see some big names on the transfer list as River try to reduce their crippling debts.



FRENCH club Auxerre have celebrated their promotion to the First Division (they had to turn it down last season due to lack of funds) by signing Polish internationals Szarmach and Wiezoreck.

Other major close-season moves in France were those of the country's top scorer Delio Onnis (an Argentinian) from Monaco to newly-promoted Tours; Marius Trésor from Marseille to Bordeaux; and ace international right-winger Dominique Rocheteau (remember he made such a big impression in the 1976 European Cup Final) from St. Etienne to Paris St. Germain.

Player jailed for foul

URUGUAYAN player Juan Rodrigues has been sentenced to three years in jail following an incident that took place while he was with Nacional of Montevideo.

In a reserve match against Peñarol he was sent-off for intentionally breaking an opponent's leg. To make matters worse, the Peñarol defender was involved in a long fight for his life when gangrene affected the wound, and even though he finally pulled through, his career as a footballer was finished.

In the law courts it was proved that Rodrigues had intended to do 'grievous bodily harm' — hence the three-year sentence.

THE president of Athletic Bilbao is taking legal action against a local paper which described his decision to sell international sweeper Alexanco to Barcelona for £605,000 as 'demented'.

MARADONA-the £3million superstar



Even at 19, Argentina superstar Diego Maradona is generally accepted as the world's most gifted player. European giants such as Juventus and Barcelona are willing to pay millions of pounds for the midfield genius. You've no doubt seen Diego on the field; here he is at his Buenos Aires home, away from the pressures of soccer. Our photographer caught him with his special car, and his nephew/godson Dario, a firm SHOOT supporter. Inside, his father, Diego senior, looks proudly at his son's souvenirs.

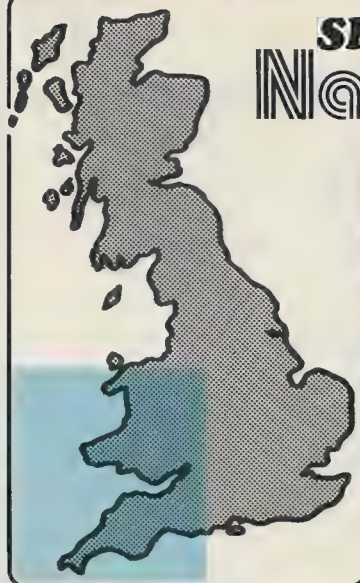


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WALES and the SOUTH -WEST

the fourth part of a five week regional survey which examines the prospects of clubs for the coming season.

WALES and the South West of England will attack the Second Division in force next season. Never in modern times has there been such a concentration from a region reckoned normally to be a football outpost. The area will supply over a quarter of the clubs!

From West of the border come

the First Division than any of their rivals and F.A. Cup winners in 1927. As spokesman for them all, young manager Richie Morgan sums up the dogfight ahead by stating: "It is going to be one heck of a season in our corner of the world."

"More local derbies, big crowds, continual interest and rivalry from

SWANSEA

—leading the Second

Cardiff City, Swansea City and Wrexham; from East of the Severn Bridge, Bristol City and Bristol Rovers; from almost right on top of the dividing line, there is the Anglo-Welsh club Shrewsbury Town who have contested the last three Welsh Cup Finals.

Yet the interest does not finish there. Newport County, victors over Shrewsbury in the Welsh Cup Final, enter European football for the first time in their history . . . and that bid in the Cup Winners' Cup will be one of the most fascinating challenges of 1980-81.

Two clubs expected to come up fast on the rails are Swindon Town and Plymouth Argyle. Swindon are strong favourites to win back Second Division status after their brilliant campaigns in the League Cup and F.A. Cup, but crumbled during last season's run-in. Now they cannot dally in the Third any longer.

From Plymouth, too, manager Bobby Saxton proclaims: "I've been in charge 18 months now and if I haven't put across my ideas now, I never will. I'm looking for 50 points-plus and promotion back to where we belong — the Second Division!"

Of all the clubs grouped in Wales and the South-West, Cardiff City are number one in terms of tradition and success — longer in

start to finish."

Yet, although Cardiff have progressed with great determination under Morgan, it may well be their great rivals, Swansea City, who cut loose from the pack. The money is now pouring on John Toshack's side of big names and gleaming talent to win a first-ever promotion to Division One.

"No pledges," insists Toshack who will be, once again, a key player as well as a highly ambitious manager, "but we've put in a tremendous amount of work over the last two-and-a-half years and, obviously, that work was designed to pay off."

'Internationals'

"No disrespect to our Scottish internationals Dave Stewart and Ian Craig or to our Englishmen Ian Callaghan, Alan Waddle and Davie Rushbury — but we've got a nice group of Welsh lads!"

As well as himself, they include John Mahoney, David Giles, Robbie James, Leighton Phillips and Leighton James who have all played for their country in the past 12 months. To come, as well, must be the multi-talented Jeremy Charles.

"He is a fine central defender, a boldly attacking midfield player



Swansea player-manager John Toshack (dark shirt) is confident of promotion this season. He believes the signing of Welsh international winger Leighton James to be the final piece to the Vetch Field jigsaw.

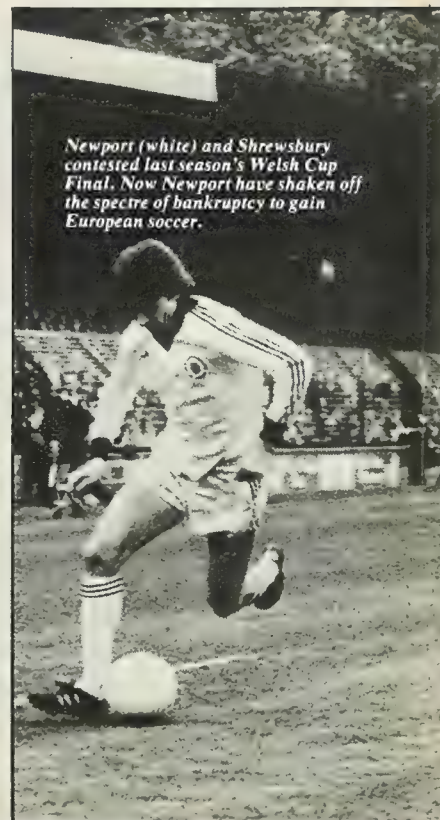
and a dangerous striker with great power in the air. I believe Wales manager Mike England should build a team around him — yet it says something for the strength of Swansea that he could occasionally struggle to win a place with us!" says Toshack.

"For instance, let's suppose that Leighton Phillips and Nigel Stevenson are solid and safe at central defence; the midfield is settled in the hands of John Mahoney, David Giles, Tommy Craig and Ian Callaghan so there is no room there either; up-front, Robbie James, Leighton James and myself could be scoring consistently so Jeremy is crowded out there too."

That, of course, is just an argument that Toshack advances to prove his point. In the same breath, he adds: "It could also be that I won't be able to get in if Robbie, Leighton and Jeremy are knocking in goals!"

But, whatever the formula, Swansea have cleared the decks for a major advance on the First Division. Within the dressing room at the Vetch Field, there is the quiet conviction that the last signing, Leighton James, completed the build up. Now the campaign is ready to be launched.

Bristol City, newly relegated, have a main target — "getting



Newport (white) and Shrewsbury contested last season's Welsh Cup Final. Now Newport have shaken off the spectre of bankruptcy to gain European soccer.

back to the First Division as fast as possible," says Clive Whitehead, a player who has battled the club's cause in nearly every position. First a winger, then in midfield, now as an accomplished full-back.

"At the very worst, it will be a matter of stability because I can't see us having any problems as far as relegation to the Third Division is concerned. We've too many players with a wide background of the First and Second Division for that to happen," he says.

"The big decision for manager Alan Dicks is over how many young players to 'blood'. One forecast that I will make without any hesitation is this: the way our youth policy has gone over the past two years, it could not be more than a couple of seasons before we are back in the First.

'Develop'

"Everyone has heard about Kevin Mabbutt and there is no doubt that he will develop into a striker of England class — but we have plenty more behind him. For instance, there is Howard Pritchard, who played 20 games on the wing last season, and Alan Hay, who had about half that number at full-back.

"There are also several top class young players who did not get a chance in the first team last season, obviously because we had a long battle on our hands. But the Second will be the right place for them to take off."

Bristol City v. Cardiff City was, before the West Country's promotion, the Severn Bridge 'derby' of fierce rivalry: now that

clash is on again and Cardiff's tough skipper Phil Dwyer says: "We're good enough to take them and anyone else in the Second Division.

"For the past couple of years, apart possibly from Crystal Palace, the Second Division has not produced an outstanding League side. It's going to be wide open once again. We're looking forward to it because we've got a tremendous chance.

"But for the lack of someone to put away the chances we created, we would have gone close last season. Richie Morgan is working hard to find that finishing touch. Then watch us go!

"We'll be a better side than we've been for several years. Every player knows what to expect now and we've made strides in so many areas. Last season, for instance, John Lewis — in only his second season of professional football — became one of the finest attacking full-backs in the Second Division; Keith Pontin won his first Welsh caps at centre-half and our newest signing, Billy Ronson, stormed to victory in our 'Player of the Year' poll."

Bristol Rovers will be looking for the stability that Cardiff have achieved. Former England full-back Terry Cooper became the third Eastville manager in nine months when he took over during the summer and faces the kind of long haul operation it took Morgan at Cardiff.

Finally Morgan, in partnership with former skipper Brian Harris, dragged Cardiff clear of their annual battles against relegation: now Cooper has to battle the same



are midfielder Ian Arkwright from Wolves and centre-half Steve Dowman from Colchester. Watch too, this coming season, the latest young Wrexham starlets: Joey's brother, Frank, at centre-half; left-back Steve Kenworthy; front players Steve Buxton and Peter Williams.

At Gay Meadow after a fine debut campaign outside the Third and Fourth Divisions for the first time in the club's history, Shrewsbury's young manager Graham Turner says: "Last season was an education in the real sense of the word with half our side having no experience at all of Second Division standards.

"Players like Bob Wardle, Ian Atkins, Jack Keay, David Tong and Jake King finished with their spurs well and truly won. Now we will take it from there.

Signings? Without massive cash — which, frankly, I do not have — I don't think there is any way I can improve the side which played such outstanding football during the second half of the season."

From the Third Division, Newport County, Swindon and Plymouth all have fast improving young players — and the ambitious approach — to make promotion challenges and strengthen the hold that Wales and the West are screwing down on the Second Division.

Swindon and Plymouth have long and distinguished records in the Second Division and are thirsting for another try: perhaps, however, the best chance of all

Division Task Force



way at Rovers. "I'll make changes," he promises and has started by giving free transfers to Stuart Taylor and Frankie Prince, who have played almost 1,000 matches between them.

He will lead the fight from the pitch becoming, like Toshack at Swansea and Graham Turner at Shrewsbury, a player-manager. The young Rovers side can only benefit from having a commanding player of his stature in outright authority. Winger Michael Barrett, signed from local football, should emerge as the first Cooper discovery.

Every club in the Division will be looking over their shoulders at Wrexham and Shrewsbury. Joey Jones the Welsh international full-back and the North Wales club's most expensive signing, says: "We're waiting with great interest to see ourselves how good we are.

"We've had two seasons now of Second Division football and done well. How much better we would have done if only we hadn't had six cartilage operations in our first season and eight in our second! Given a normal run of luck, we reckon that we are as good as any side around."

Manager Arfon Griffiths maintains a busy pace at the Racecourse and his latest signings

belongs to Newport. The club has rocketed from the graveyard area of the Fourth Division with some brilliant prospects.

Skipper Keith Oakes says: "There is no doubt that we have players good enough to bid for promotion again: and then, as they improve, to hold their own in the Second. The prospect, too, of playing in the European Cup-Winners' Cup for the first time helps to lift and inspire everyone at Somerton Park."

Oakes himself is only 24 and was the top scoring defender in the League last season; young midfield players Steve Lowndes and Nigel Vaughan are on the brink of forcing their way into the Wales squad; striker John Aldridge finished his first season in professional football as top scorer.

Manager Len Ashurst has threaded in the experience of players such as David Gwyther, Richard Walden and Dave Bruton into his fine young side and warns: "We're not aiming to stand still."

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ONE of the saddest sights in soccer is the end of season free transfer list.

It contains the names of young men who tried and failed. There is a tragic story of heartache behind so many of those names, and equally sad is the sight of a star name, a player who has at least known success, but is now, as they say, surplus to requirements.

Looking at the players who figured in free transfer lists at the end of last season, one imagines many of them would still be capable of more than useful performances.

One or two had already severed their connections midway through the season, but this is the first official recognition that the Football League has seen the last of such gifted performers as Peter Osgood and Martin Chivers, who both wore the white shirt of England with distinction.

again Leeds were involved — who has come to a crossroads in his career is ex-Sunderland and now Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Jim Montgomery.

Who will ever forget that brilliant reflex save that denied Peter Lorimer in 1973, and effectively turned the course of a game that eventually went to Sunderland.

Montgomery, a fantastic servant to the Roker Park cause, has had a season with the European

left Preston with a notable list of over 400 games for the club behind him.

Not far away at homely Burnley they're saying goodbye to another who has enjoyed the big occasion between the twin towers. Brian Hall was a mainspring in Liverpool's attack which took Newcastle United apart in 1974.

Someone Brian will know well, and who is also leaving the game is Geoff Nulty, the midfielder who has not played since a tackle put him out of Everton's derby game with Liverpool at Goodison Park last season.

Injury has also played a large part in the departure of Nottingham Forest full back Colin Barrett.

The tall, blond full-back who didn't win respect until after his move from Manchester City to Forest was unlucky enough to miss out on Forest's first trip to

Wembley in 1977 because of injury.

A year later when Forest overcame Southampton in a five-goal Final to retain the League Cup, however, he was one of their star performers.

Tragically he was injured again when Forest reached their first European Final against Malmo and having missed that game he never really attained sufficient fitness for the big time again.

Other stalwarts who will be sorely missed are Stuart Taylor, deserting Bristol Rovers, and preferring a future with Bath City to one with Chelsea, Frankie Prince, also leaving Eastville — for Exeter City in his case — Ian Wood, after over 500 games for Oldham, and Peter Bennett, a marvellous double centurion for Orient.

John Aston, who stole the show from Best, Charlton and Co., when Manchester United won the European Cup at Wembley, leaves Blackburn Rovers, Mick Bates and Peter Downsborough, who went to Wembley with Leeds United and Swindon Town respectively, have both said fond farewells to Bradford City, and Jeff Blockley, that giant centre-half who once represented England, has been released by Notts County.

Another former England man, goalkeeper Gordon West, once of Everton, more recently of Tranmere Rovers, finds his name on the Prenton Park list of free transfer men, and a man with over 160 League goals to his credit Bruce Bannister, is among those no longer required by Hull City.

And finally there is no longer a place for the man who looks after all the players' needs — PFA chairman Gordon Taylor, who has been given a free transfer by Fourth Division Bury!

NOT WANTED!

Was there ever a more elegant sight in football than that of Peter Osgood loping effortlessly through the middle of some defence? During his peak years with Chelsea, 'Ossie' was peerless and it was a tragedy that he did not win more than four caps.

Chivers, who has left Brighton, will best be remembered as the barrel-chested battering ram, who claimed 24 caps for his country, all gained during the spell when he was arguably the best No 9 in the business, and certainly the idol of Tottenham Hotspur fans.

Another London-based international who has given an enormous amount of pleasure over the years, but now finds it time to go, is George Graham, who figures on the Crystal Palace non-retained list, but at least has the consolation of becoming youth coach at the club.

Creative

A member of Arsenal's double-winning side in 1971 'Stroller' still holds a fond place in the hearts of Highbury fans.

On his day George Graham was as creative a midfield player as any to have come out of Scotland in recent years. Chelsea, Villa and Portsmouth also benefited from his talents.

By one of those coincidences yet another man who gave as much to Chelsea as Osgood and Graham, has also figured in a 'free' list, though in David Webb's case he may well have stayed at Derby County in some capacity, had not the opportunity of playing and coaching for Bournemouth appeared.

Just as Graham is remembered as a central figure of the 1971 Cup Final, there can be no question that 'Webby' is best recalled for his contribution the previous year, when he scored a dramatic winner in the replay against Leeds.

Another Wembley hero — and

Some of soccer's big names were handed free transfers this summer



George Graham.

Champions, but never figured in the first team for Brian Clough.

Hardly surprising in view of the fact that he would have had to displace Peter Shilton, but Montgomery is still a more than respectable performer and he would dearly love another couple of years in the game.

The Wembley connections with this year's free transfer men do not end there either.

In fact we can go as far back as 1964 to find another man who sadly will figure no more in Saturday afternoon match programmes.

If you think of Preston North End and their team against West Ham United, you'll probably think of Howard Kendall — but you may have forgotten Alan Spavin, who wore the No 10 shirt that day.

After an illustrious one-club career at Deepdale, Alan has finally



Martin Chivers (above) and Peter Osgood (right) were both London heroes in their time. Now they are free transfer men.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Richard Murray of Belfast, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

ENGLISH BIAS

★ I am writing to comment on the biased attitude which English sportswriters, commentators, magazines and broadcasting companies take towards their beloved football team, England.

Such men as Jimmy Hill, Barry Davies and Brian Moore believe that Kevin Keegan is able to walk on water. Maybe he is an excellent player, but without him England are not a football team, as was proved in the British Championship, which Northern Ireland won superbly.

In recognition of this marvellous win, your magazine excelled by calling us "heroes of the Championship". Then you added one small picture, but, of course, it had to be from the England match.

Your magazine has yet to mention the exploits of the highly successful Northern Ireland Schoolboys. I believe this is because their success casts a dark shadow over the England Schoolboys.

While watching the European Championship previews, I noted that the "experts" predicted an easy win for England. Brian Clough, Lawrie McMenemy and Ian St. John, all agreed on this issue, but I did not see the England team winning too much in Italy.

During the England-Belgium match, Brian Moore had the audacity to call the rioting fans "British", but before the match it was the "English" fans in a happy mood.

After England failed to qualify for the third and fourth play-off, it appeared that the BBC began to sulk. They cancelled the match for British viewers, and instead gave us 15 minutes on Saturday night at the obscure time of 12.15. Who could be more biased than that?

● It's easy to be wise after the event. Had you written BEFORE the European Championship your letter would have been more creditable. Regarding Schoolboy soccer, we tend not to give too much space to this, preferring to spotlight big name stars. The BBC cancelled Italy/Czechoslovakia because they thought the overall disappointing European Championship was losing its interest, and I tend to agree with them. That isn't so much bias as common sense.

Let's follow Tunisia

VARIOUS methods of awarding League points have been suggested in order to encourage attacking football. I believe the system used in Tunisia whereby a winning side is awarded three points, and drawing teams one point; is the best proposal so far.

Teams that are level would try until the final whistle to get the two extra points which might be vital for their Championship, promotion or relegation chances.

They would have more to gain than lose. This could provide play similar to that seen in the 1980 F.A. Cup Semi-Final when Arsenal and Liverpool were forced to go for goals.

I think the three point system would serve as a practical incentive to teams to play entertaining, attacking and winning football.

C. DAY,
DURBAN

● Traditions change slowly in the Football League. What do other readers think of this idea?

Sexton the right man?

I WOULD like to oppose the choice of Dave Sexton (below) as the manager of the Under-21 national team.

Managing a team like Manchester United, Dave Sexton must have a great amount on his hands already. I cannot see how he can effectively take charge of the Under-21 team at the same time, and because of this I think it is swaying his choice towards the Manchester United goalkeeper, Gary Bailey.

Even after Bailey let in six goals against Ipswich, he was still chosen to play for the Under 21's a few days later — hardly a good psychological move.

Dave Sexton still had the choice of bringing in John Lukic, who was in very consistent form at the time.

DANIEL CAMERON
GRIMSBY

● Bailey saved United from a 10-0 defeat at Ipswich and I rate him the best young 'keeper around.



Soccer actors

DURING the recent European Championship played in Italy, where West Germany acclaimed themselves as Champions I was disgusted at the amount of times, top class players 'acted' when brought down.

Following this, they are seen running around the park as if nothing at all had happened.

If the player was as badly injured as he previously made out to be, then I'm sure he'd suffer throughout the rest of the game, rather than be bursting with energy.

SIMON POTTER,
SWINDON.

● This comes under the 'professionalism' category, which so often means UNprofessionalism.

Dutch going down

WHAT has happened to football in Holland over the last few years? Where are the great Dutch internationals of 1974 and 1978? Players such as Cruyff, Neeskens, Brandts, Van Hanagem, Van der Kuyl, Rensenbrink, etc.

The European Championship saw a very poor Dutch team struggle in all their three matches with only a few experienced players showing their authority and dominance.

Even Ruud Krol appears to be having difficulty in giving his team inspiration now.

The future for the national team looks very bleak indeed unless new players of world-class potential can be found.

MARK GILLESPIE,
BANGOR.

● No country could lose as many great players as Holland did in such a short time and stay at the top — except, perhaps, West Germany.



Neil Whatmore (right) one of the Bolton stars who will stay to battle with the club in Division Two

BOLTON PLAN A HAPPY CENTENARY

NEITHER the staff at Bolton Wanderers nor manager Stan Anderson need any reminding that their last attempt to get out of the Second Division took a mighty long time.

It was five years of near misses before they made it into the top flight as Divisional Champions in 1977-78. It proved a short and undistinguished stay, culminating in relegation last season, which has meant a summer of hard work for Anderson.

He looks realistically at the plight of the Lancashire club, knowing no sentimental pity was spared for his predecessor, Ian Greaves, and none likely to be spared for him, should he not produce the goods.

"Ian," says Anderson, "had five-and-a-half years of good times at Burnden Park. It all went sour in six months."

"In my estimation, the board — and possibly the supporters — have given me three years to get back up."

'Decisions'

"We have to do it within that time. Crowds get managers the sack. If, in three years, Bolton are still a Second Division side, it will be necessary for someone to make a few decisions."

Bolton are a proud club. Original members of the League in 1888, it is now exactly 100 years since they turned professional. In this, their centenary year, public scrutiny will be intense from the locals who have a wide choice for their football loyalties.

"The support is here if we can put a good side on to the field," says Anderson. "But there are loads of big clubs around and the fans will watch the sides which are successful. That has been going on for a great number of years. It's up to me to get a team that will play attractively."

"Every manager will have problems with the new Freedom of Contract. I hope the players I have under contract here will honour their signatures. If I can keep them I think we will get out at the first attempt."



Manager Stan Anderson faces a race against time at Burnden Park.

Before the new campaign begins in a couple of weeks time, it is likely that Anderson will have lost another key man, Peter Reid. Sam Allardyce and, goalkeeper Jim McDonagh have already left for Sunderland and Everton respectively — one of the inevitable penalties of relegation.

"That's what happens when you go down," says Anderson. "Ambitious players want to stay at the top. It took us so long to get into the First Division that they feel now they can't afford another year outside it."

"We've got to give the new Freedom of Contract scheme a chance, although I have the feeling that a lot of players are not going to accept their club's offers at first."

"I'm involved also in the other side of the transfer market — buying. One of our problems last season was a lack of goals and Brian Kidd, who cost £100,000 from Everton in May, should improve that."

And what is the future for Anderson, the former England international who took over from the sacked Ian Greaves in January? "There is a lot wrong and a lot right with the game. Managers don't generally go round moaning but at the back of one's mind is the knowledge that someone is waiting to sack you and someone to take your place."

"I was once told that you should sign a contract one day, expecting the sack the next."

Top captains are...

HE'S the glory boy. The first player the fans see. The one everybody would swap places with on Cup Final day when the eyes of the nation focus on the toss-up. He's the captain.

But is that all the captain does? Toss the coin. Does he have any real influence over the team? Or is it all decided by the manager and the coach before the teams step on to the pitch?

There is no doubt that a good captain raises his team and has his own game lifted accordingly. The bad captain? He doesn't last long, or he asks that the job be given to somebody else.

Two of the most experienced captains in the First Division are Mick Mills, of Ipswich, and Emlyn Hughes, of Wolves. Both of them have played more than 700 first-class games, and both have been skipper, for club and country, in around 500 of them.

One of Mills' greatest admirers,

not surprisingly, is Ipswich manager Bobby Robson, who says:

"Ipswich are lucky to have had someone of Mick's calibre and character all these years. He is a good professional of the highest quality, and is likely to be playing at top level for several more seasons.

"He has always showed tremendous enthusiasm, and he is a born leader and organiser."

Praise indeed, but surpassed by the words of John Bond, manager of Ipswich's East Anglia rivals, Norwich. Bond says: "I would dearly love to have Mick at my club. He is a marvellous captain and competitor, and his attitude to the game is first-class."

But how does Mills himself see the captain's role?

"I take it as an honour to be captain. It is up to me to lift the heads of my team when the game is going against us. I get more and more involved, and I think the most important thing I can do is to keep cool enough to make sure that in the heat of the moment we don't forget to keep doing the right things."

Emlyn, hero of many of Liverpool's recent triumphs, sees the job as mainly the motivating of team-mates. "The hardest thing about being captain," he says, "is trying to get everybody playing when you're having a bad game yourself."

"You can be having a stinker, but you can't afford to concentrate on your own problems. You've got to get on with the geeing-up of everyone else."

When Emlyn was England's captain during Joe Mercer's spell as caretaker manager Mercer, himself one of the most popular

BORN WINNERS!

his bosses, and no international caps of which to boast, McGovern's captaincy has to be a different style, especially as the Forest squad includes a dozen full internationals, a Footballer of the Year, a Players' Player of the Year, and a Young Player of the Year.

Yet McGovern, who has played under Clough and Taylor for Hartlepool, Derby and Leeds as well as Forest, says: "It's easy, because we've had such a good run in my years as captain."

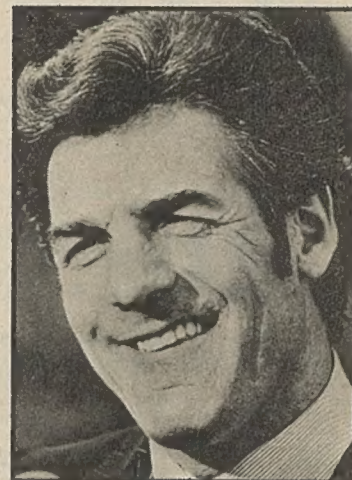
"Provided you give 100 per cent, and nothing less, you get a fair deal from the boss. If I'm not pulling my weight, people will shout at me just as much as I shout at them."

"But there's always so much more to win that it never becomes a chore."

The man who took the F.A. Cup for West Ham when they beat Arsenal 1-0 at Wembley in May



Mick Mills (left) relishes his job as Ipswich captain. West Ham boss John Lyall (right) is naturally appreciative of the contribution of his skipper Billy Bonds (below).



was Billy Bonds, acknowledged by players and managers, friends and foes, as one of the inspirational captains. He also led West Ham to F.A. Cup glory in 1975.

West Ham manager John Lyall couldn't lay it on the line more simply. "Bonds," he said, "gives everything for West Ham. He would lay down his life for you."

Bonds sums up his feeling for the East End club like this: "I give 110 per cent and that is what I demand of others."

"I ruck players if I think they are not doing the business and I praise others. One of my jobs is to keep a careful eye on youngsters like Paul Allen and Alvin Martin."

"I am a demanding captain, shouting at the lads all the time. I have got to be involved. And all I need to get me going is the roar of the crowd at Upton Park."

Mills, Hughes, McGovern, Bonds . . . they all have one more quality in common. They are born winners.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Former England midfielder Stan Bowles has returned to London from Nottingham Forest for a £110,000 fee. For which club has he signed?

2. England begin their qualifying games for the 1982 World Cup on September 10 at Wembley. Will their opponents be Switzerland, Rumania or Norway?

3. Manchester City striker Michael Robinson was transferred for £450,000 to which South Coast club?

4. At which First Division ground can you see the crest pictured on the right?

5. Derby County have signed goalkeeper Roger Jones for £20,000 from which First Division side?

6. Who is the secretary of the PFA who has been placed on the free transfer list by Fourth Division Bury?

7. Who is the Colchester central defender who has signed for Second Division Wrexham in a £75,000 deal?

8. Rodney Marsh recently resigned as coach of New York United after a successful spell with Tampa Bay Rowdies. But who was Marsh's last League club before he left for America?

9. Nottingham Forest begin their defence of the European Cup against Lokomotiv Sofia, CSKA Sofia or Levski Spartak of Bulgaria?



10. Which of the following clubs have never won the Football League Cup: Tottenham, Arsenal or Queens Park Rangers?

11. Which two teams were relegated from the Scottish First Division last season, and who were promoted from the Scottish Second in their places?

12. Which teams play at the following grounds: (a) Edgar Street, (b) East End Park, (c) Manor Ground and (d) Stark's Park?

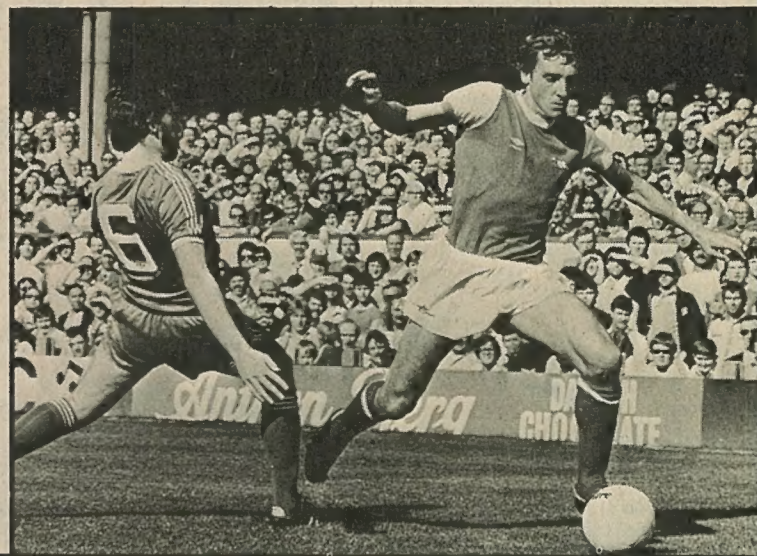
13. Unscramble the letters to reveal the name of a leading international and his club: ERTEP LOSHCAIN (RASTLYC LEPACA)

14. Newcastle's Northern Ireland international midfielder player Tommy Cassidy has signed for which recently relegated club?

15. Study the action photograph (below) taken during the Arsenal v Middlesbrough clash at Highbury last season and see if you can answer the following questions:

(a) Who are the two players?
(b) Which international team does the Arsenal player represent? (c) Has the Middlesbrough player ever gained a full international cap for his native Scotland?

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SABELLA

to lead Leeds' revival

A QUIET, patient, rarely smiling Argentinian is about to make his debut in the First Division and he has all the qualities to become a sensation.

His name is Alejandro 'Alex' Sabella. In Argentina, where he played for the River Plate club, he was known as 'The Magician'.

For the past two seasons he has played for Sheffield United in the Second and Third Divisions, no place for his talents. In his first game for United his first touch of the ball resulted in a goal... he curled in a beautiful corner-kick for Simon Stainrod to head home.

He became an instant idol with the supporters and has left them with many memories of his individual skills.

Sabella cost Sheffield United £160,000. Last year he turned down a £625,000 move to Sunderland, and now Leeds have paid about £500,000 for the talented South American, a bargain price obviously forced upon the Sheffield club by financial pressures.

Ironically, the man who will wear the biggest smile if Sabella is

a huge success with Leeds is the man who brought him from Argentina and has been forced to part with his greatest asset — Harry Haslam.

Haslam has always maintained that: "When Alex gets the chance to demonstrate his skills in the First Division he will do well."

Yet when Haslam signed Sabella, he had hoped that he would combine with Alan Woodward and Steve Finnieston to help Sheffield United back into the First Division.

Injury

It could have worked, but Woodward's domestic problems and Finnieston's injury were two of the important factors which contributed to the club's change of fortune.

Despite United's decline Sabella, in the 76 League games he played for them, displayed uncanny individual skills whilst acclimatising to English football and learning to become a 'team player'.

As a result, Leeds have bought an all-round player who has withstood the tight, clattering marking

of the lower Divisions and is now relishing the thought of the little bit more time and space he should get in the First.

Haslam has always insisted that Sabella is the type of player upon whom you cannot impose too many restrictions without running the risk of spoiling his natural game.

Like most Argentinians, Sabella's value depends upon the recipients of his passes. The capability of his colleagues to control, turn and move the ball on quickly is essential if his full worth is to be realised.

This point will soon be borne out when he plays for Leeds.

On the occasions he has played against quality opposition he has excelled. For instance, when he played for Sheffield United against his former club, River Plate, and the likes of World Cup stars Fillol, Passarella, Luque, Ortiz and Alonzo, they singled him out for special attention, finally bringing him down in the penalty area.

Last January, in a friendly against Leeds he outshone the two Peruvians on trial with his new club and obviously made the impact which has resulted in his signing for the club.

When we spoke to the 25-year-old Sabella, who plans to continue living in Sheffield, his keenness to

get started in this new phase of his career was very evident.

"I am very happy to join the First Division," he said in his faltering but rapidly improving new language. "It is naturally the place to find the best players, and if you play against the best then you can perform better yourself."

"You have to try to learn something every day... I will try to do this because I want success. My family back home in Argentina are also happy. My transfer to Sheffield United was for good money, which is very important in my country. At the time I was playing in Argentina in the First Division... so now my transfer to Leeds takes me back to the same level of football."

"Like all the jobs in the world you try to get enjoyment out of the work but you must do what the manager says... it is a serious thing. My ambition is to reach the first level in Europe and to do that I must play very well for Leeds."

A happy, ambitious Sabella is quite a combination. They'll like him at Leeds and no doubt his 'magic' will entrance a lot of people... and play a significant role in the revival of one of the country's leading clubs.

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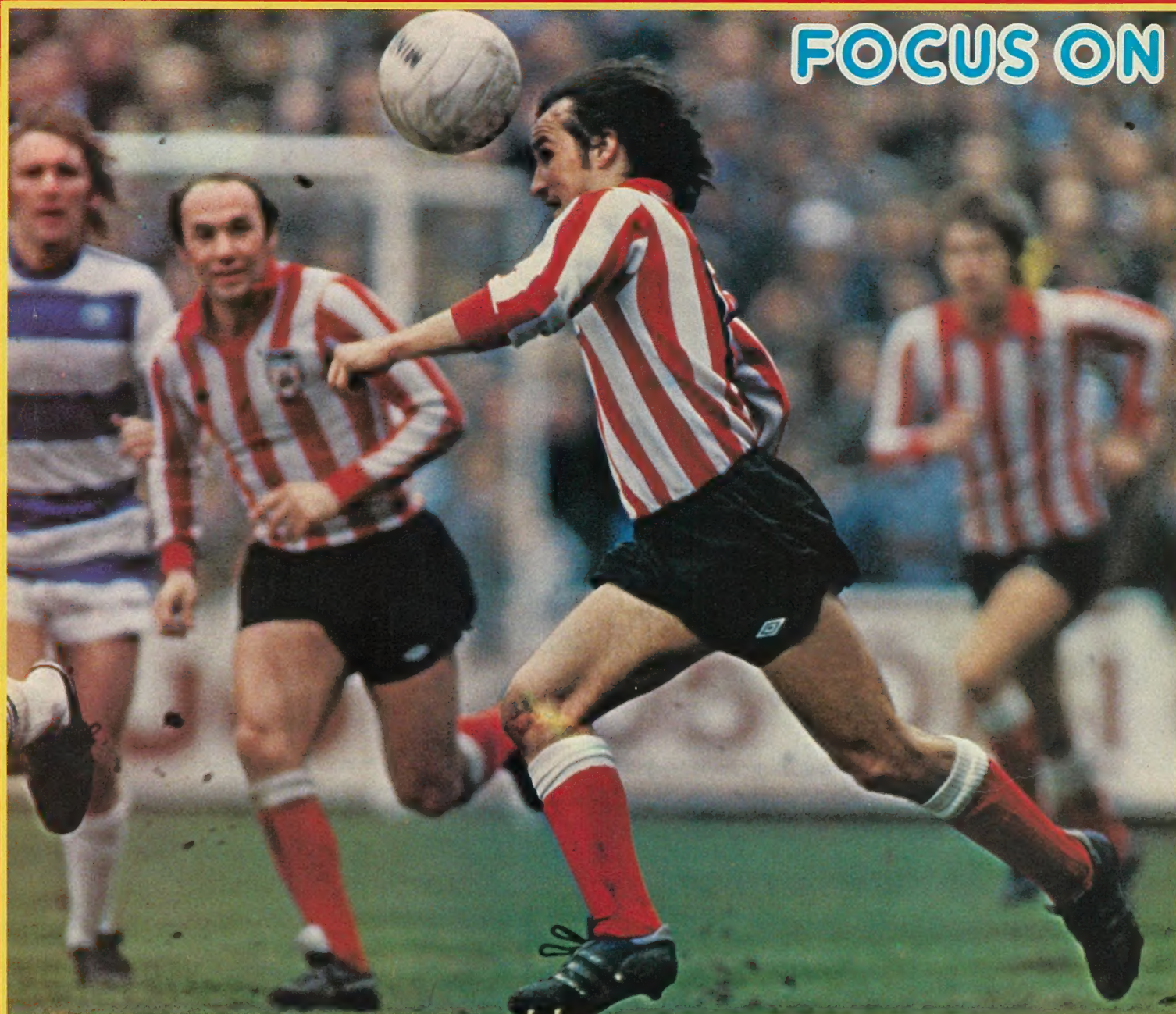
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STAN CUMMINS / *Sunderland*

FULL NAME: Stanley Cummins
BIRTHPLACE: Sedgfield, Cleveland
BIRTHDATE: December 6, 1958
HEIGHT: 5ft 5ins
WEIGHT: 9st 2 lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Middlesbrough
MARRIED: To Anne
CHILDREN: None
CAR: Datsun 100A FII
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: The Sun
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kevin Keegan
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATES: Shaun Elliott and Kevin Arnott
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Middlesbrough
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Tennis and snooker
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all difficult
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating

West Ham in our last game to clinch promotion
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing out on the Second Division Championship by one point
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: None
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Scampi and chips, coke
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Driving alone, home comforts/smoking, the return journey after an away defeat.
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Majorca
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Clint Eastwood and Natalie Wood
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Relaxing or if need be jobs around the home
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Paul McCartney, Elton John, Thin Lizzy

AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Sit at home with Anne and relax watching the TV
BEST FRIEND: My wife Anne
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Former Middlesbrough scout Ray Grant, and the Sunderland management team Ken Knighton and Frank Clark
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Substitute for England Under-21's against Wales
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be as successful in life as possible
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? P.E. Instructor
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? My first child

Stan Cummins

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